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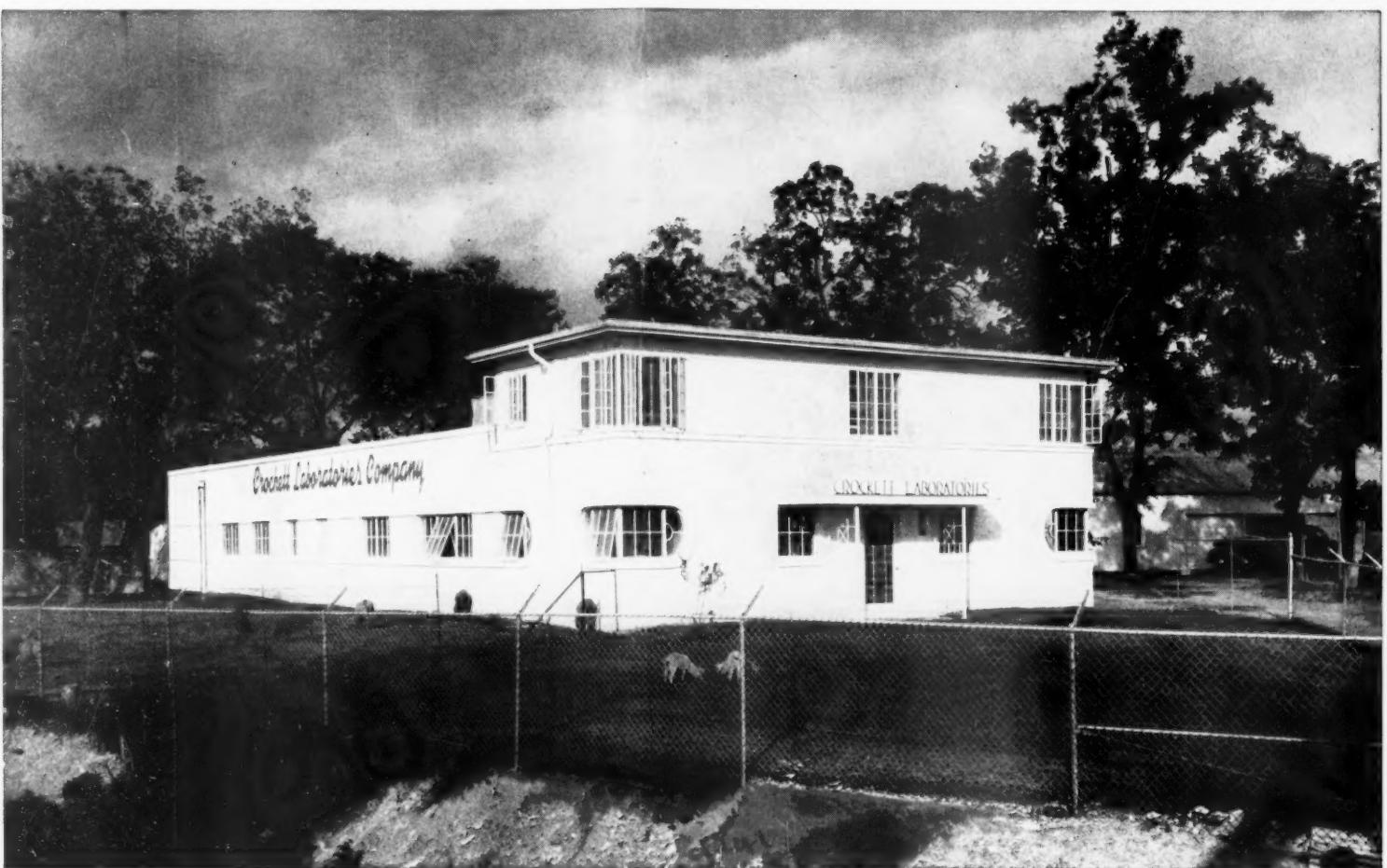
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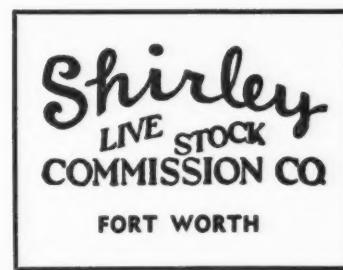
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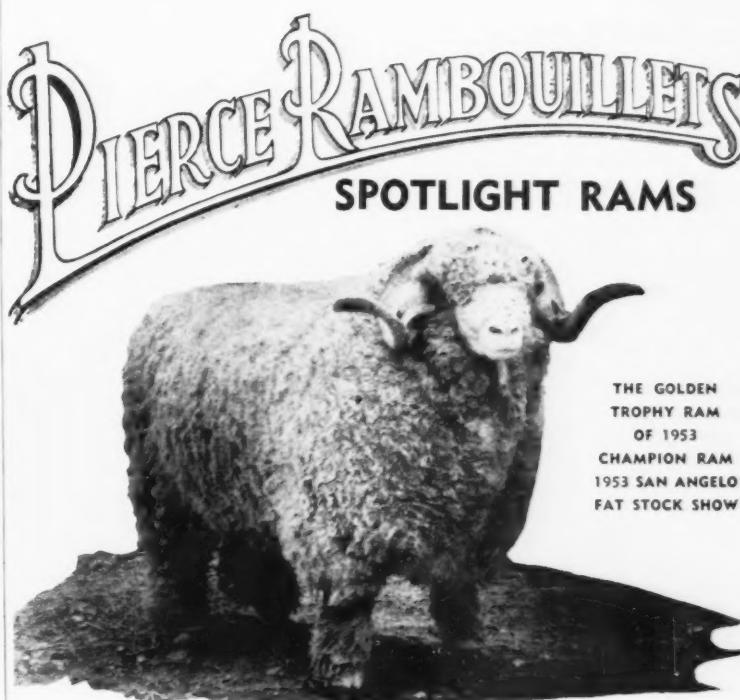
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Brady	Farmers & Ranchers Coop.		
	Wilson D. Jordan	40.00	10.00
	Roddie & Company	2,562.71	603.40
	Spiller Wool Co.		
Brownwood	Hollis Blackwell Wool & Mohair	53.80	13.45
Burnet	J. H. Guthrie Wool Whse.	4.00	1.00
Coleman	Geo. D. Rhone Whse.		
	Theo. Griffis Whse.	10.00	1.75
Comanche	Burton Bros.		
Comfort	Comfort Wool & Mohair Pool	497.20	89.80
Del Rio	Del Rio Wool & Mohair Co.	1,799.20	460.80
	Producers Wool & Mohair Co.	369.00	92.25
Eden	Eden Wool & Mohair Co.	308.20	77.05
	Jas. L. Daniel Warehouse	514.45	136.25
Eldorado	Eldorado Wool Co.	524.60	131.15
Florence	T. M. Williams Warehouse		
Fort Stockton	Ranchers Wool & Mohair Ass'n.	194.00	48.50
Fredericksburg	Farmers Grain Company	52.60	4.90
Lochte	Juenke & Schoenewolf	126.20	24.15
	Lochte Storage & Comm. Co.	288.60	68.40
	Woerner Warehouse	23.20	5.05
Goldthwaite	Hollis Blackwell Warehouse	121.80	29.45
	Goldthwaite Wool Co.	2.00	.50
Ingram	Ranchman's W & M Comm. Co.	687.90	147.85
Johnson City	E. Klappenbach		
Junction	Hill Country Wool & Mohair Co.	50.00	12.60
Kerrville	Junction Warehouse	1,594.75	386.95
Lampasas	Schreiner Wool & Mohair Co.	403.36	88.94
	Central Texas Trading Co.	67.40	16.10
	C. P. Cloud & Son		
	Glynn C. Perkins Co.	133.20	29.80
Lometa	Lometa Wool & Mohair Co.	70.80	16.90
	Lucius M. Stephens Co.	238.00	57.50
Marfa	Marfa Wool & Mohair Co.	1,098.00	274.50
Marble Falls	Fowler Wool & Mohair Co.	1.20	.80
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	Mason Warehouse Ass'n.	22.80	5.70
Menard	Menard Wool & Mohair Co.	183.60	45.90
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	Western Wool & Mohair Co.	1,401.80	350.45
	Wool Growers Central Storage	2,155.40	538.85
Sanderson	Sanderson Wool Comm. Co. and Big Bend W & M Co., Alpine	2,269.40	567.35
San Marcos	Kreuz Milling & Grain Co.	102.20	19.20
San Saba	Hollis Blackwell Warehouse	9.50	2.45
Santa Anna	Santa Anna Wool Ass'n.	64.80	15.20
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FRED T. EARWOOD, Sonora, has been named chairman of a special Wool Preparedness and Improvement Committee by Penrose B. Metcalfe, president of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association.

Also serving on the committee are Frank Roddie, Brady; Joe B. Blakney, San Angelo; Charles E. Long, Del Rio; John T. Williams, Sanderson; R. Crawford, Mertzon; Ray Wyatt, Junction, all warehouse operators and most of them ranchers; and W. J. (Bill) Fields, Sonora, and Ernest G. Woodward, San Angelo, both wool buyers.

Appointed to serve as consultants for the committee were Stanley P. Davis, in charge of wool scouring plant at Blue Bonnet Farms, McGregor, and J. A. Gray, San Angelo sheep and goat specialist with the Extension Service.

The committee will report at the Convention in San Antonio.

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- 9:00 A.M. to
- 5:00 P.M. — Registration — Lobby, Plaza Hotel
- 1:30 P.M. to
- 2:00 P.M. — Informal Meeting of Board of Directors
- 2:00 P.M. — Meeting of Standing Committees
- 4:00 P.M. — Meeting of Budget Committee

NOVEMBER 3, 1953

- All Meetings in Ball Room, Plaza Hotel
- 9:30 A.M. — Call to Order — President Metcalfe
 - Invocation — Rev. Samuel O. Capers, Rector Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio
 - Address of Welcome — Hon. Jack White, Mayor, City of San Antonio
 - Response to Welcome — Henry Mills, Jr.
 - Address — Dr. Charles N. Shepardson, Dean, School of Agriculture, Texas A and M College
 - Report of President
 - Election of Committee to Nominate New Directors
 - Report of Traffic Counsel
- NOON RECESS
- 2:00 P.M. — General Meeting
 - Report of Secretary - Treasurer
 - Address — Hon. W. J. Murray, Member, Railroad Commission of Texas
 - Address — Dr. T. R. Timm, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, Texas A&M College
 - Report of Lamb Committee
- 7:00 P.M. to
- 8:30 P.M. — Cocktail Hour and Supper — Roof Garden, Plaza Hotel
 - 9:00 P.M. — Dance — Roof Garden, Plaza Hotel

NOVEMBER 4, 1953

- All Meetings in Ball Room, Plaza Hotel
- 10:00 A.M. — General Meeting — Fred T. Earwood, Chairman
 - Address — W. B. Allred, Regional Range Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Fort Worth, Texas
 - Panel Discussion — Wool and Mohair Legislation in Washington
 - Work of Allied Wool Committee
 - Wool and Mohair Improvement Program
 - Panel Members — Ray W. Willoughby, President, National Wool Growers Association
 - C. M. Christman, Bollman Industries
 - San Marcos
 - P. E. Neale, Charge of Sheep and Wool, New Mexico A&M College
 - Nathan J. Allen, Charge of Sheep and Wool, Texas Technological College
 - Stanley P. Davis, Charge of Wool and Mohair, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
 - Fred T. Earwood, Rancher and Warehouseman
 - Presentation of Award to State Winner of the Sheep and Goat and Wool and Mohair Contest
 - Report of Wool and Mohair Committee
 - Report of Wool Improvement
 - Report of Wool Promotion Committee
- NOON RECESS
- 2:00 P.M. — Business Session
 - Report of Nominating Committee
 - Report of President, Woman's Auxiliary
 - Report of All Standing and Special Committees
 - Report of General Resolutions Committee
 - Election of 1954 Officers
 - Selection of 1954 Convention City
 - Adjourn
- 3:00 P.M. — Meeting of 1954 Board of Directors

CURRENT PROBLEMS of the industry will be discussed and plans laid for future activity in the 38th Annual Convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in San Antonio November 2-3-4.

Ernest Williams, Executive Secretary of the Association, reports that the Convention program has been built around the premise that the ranchmen are now more vitally interested in current local problems of production and protection than in general problems of national and international scope.

"We must try to iron out our problems here at home and that is what

our Convention program is designed to study," he recently declared.

"The drouth has aggravated many of the problems of our people and the drop in the price of livestock has intensified them," recently declared a past president of the association.

It is for this reason that we must, by working together, take advantage of every opportunity to guide the industry, that the individual may overcome some of these problems and where possible alleviate suffering from the drouth and low prices."

Mr. Williams called attention to the fact that much of the work of the Association has shown results less than expectations, although it is doubtful that any year in the history of the organization has seen greater or more determined activity in behalf of the industry. A recount of this activity will be fully presented during the convention at San Antonio and all members, large and small, are invited to participate in the discussions and in the work in planning for the

ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS



Penrose Metcalfe — Walter Pfluger — Wally Hodge

Penrose Metcalfe, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, with his two Vice-Presidents, First Vice-President Walter Pfluger, Eden, and Wally Hodge, Del Rio.



Ernest Williams, Executive Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, will be in general charge of the Convention.



Mrs. Walter Pfluger of Eden, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

future. Nothing will be left undone to give every member an opportunity to assist in this program planning.

A glance at the program and its splendid roster of speakers gives an indication of the seriousness of the meeting and a line upon the program theme.

Members of the Association will be engaged in registration, informal meetings of directors, meetings of standing committees and other preliminary jobs prior to the opening of the general convention on November 3.

On the first day of the general meeting the principal address will be made by Dr. Charles N. Shepardson, Dean of School of Agriculture, Texas A & M College. At this morning session will also be a report of the president of the association and report of Traffic Counsel.

The afternoon session will feature the report of the secretary-treasurer and address by W. J. Murray of the Texas Railroad Commission and Dr. T. R. Timm of Texas A & M College. The reports of the Mexican Labor Committee and Lamb Committee will be followed by discussion.

B. W. Allred To Speak

The principal address the morning of the second day's meeting will be that of B. W. Allred, Regional Range Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service at Fort Worth. Mr. Allred, whose work in the Southwest on range and soil conservation has given him national honors, will point out to the ranch people some of the obstacles they have to overcome in bring-

ing their land back into normal grazing condition. His address will be keenly studied inasmuch as there is a definite possibility that the range work of the Soil Conservation Service and in fact the Conservation Service itself, as such, may be entirely abandoned under the proposed plan as announced in early October by Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

Panel Discussion

Entirely deviating from the normal and usual program, for the first time the meeting of sheep and goat men will feature a panel discussion, with Fred Earwood as chairman, including participating members, Ray W. Willoughby, President of the National Wool Growers Association; C. M. Christmas, Bollman Industries, San Marcos; P. E. Neale, Sheep Specialist, New Mexico A & M College, Las Cruces; Nathan J. Allen, Sheep Specialist, Texas Technological College, Lubbock; and Stanley P. Davis, Wool and Mohair Specialist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, McGregor, Texas.

These gentlemen will participate in a general discussion of the wool and mohair industry problems and this general discussion will be heard by the audience and the audience later in the program will be asked to direct questions at any or all members of the panel.

Entertainment

No elaborate plans have been made for this convention to feature entertainment. Nevertheless, several events on the program will keep the visitors well occupied. The afternoon of the

first day of the general convention will be a get-together on the roof garden of the Plaza Hotel, followed at 9:00 P.M. by a dance for members of the association and their families.

Austin, Galveston and Houston Make Bid

While nothing is definite, it has been indicated that three cities heretofore considered out of the range of the sheep and goat industry are to make a bid for the 1954 convention of the association. Austin, around which there has grown an increasingly important sheep and goat population, is expected to make a strong bid for next year's convention. Information has been received that both Houston and Galveston will also present invitations. No other city, so far as is known at this time, will present an invitation.

Tom Darrow, formerly with the
Soil Conservation Service at Sonora,
is going to Paraguay as a range specialist under a program sponsored by
the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

This is a cooperative organization by a private group, the United States government and South American government. Darrow has a two-year contract and is taking his wife and son, Raymond, 16, with him. They will be stationed at Asuncion.

Mr. Darrow graduated from Texas A & M in 1938. He was an Army Engineer five years. After the war he was associated with the Soil Conservation Service, from which he resigned after five years service.

MOHAIR SALE

THE RANCHMAN'S Wool and Mohair Commission Company of Ingram, operated by J. W. Priour, Jr., made an early October sale of some 50,000 pounds of mohair to Jackson Hughes of Emery, Russell and Goodrich, Boston. Adult hair brought 80 cents a pound and \$1.05 per pound for kid hair.

Walter Pfluger of Eden, First Vice-President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, was one of 24 sheepmen chosen in 1953 to make a two weeks Swift and Company tour of Chicago, New York, Boston and Baltimore. This is an annual tour and the participants observe the buying of lambs, processing, packing, and all steps in selling through wholesale to the final sale in the retail butcher shop.

Dr. H. A. Wimberly of San Angelo purchased about the middle of October 1,150 mixed Rambouillet lambs from Troy Williams of Ozona at 40 cents a pound. The lambs averaged 68 pounds. Dr. Wimberly is running the lambs on his San Saba ranch.

Aubrey DeLong, Mertzon ranchman, is reported to have leased a 27-section ranch near Alpine from Mrs. Velma Shurley of San Angelo at 40 cents an acre. He is running about 2,500 lambs on the place. Mr. DeLong has a 13-section lease in Irion, Crockett and Schleicher Counties which he also operates.



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BY THE EDITOR

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WITH RANGES of the Southwest generally furnishing less foliage for livestock than normal it is necessary for the stockmen to turn to supplementary feeds to properly carry livestock. Therefore the purchase of supplementary feeds is most important.

The article in this issue, "The Tag Tells a Tale," is quite significant, especially during these times of scant foliage. It is important that the buyer of feeds know what he is getting for his money. It is not always true that the tag indicating a profusion of ingredients means that the ranchman is getting the best feed, the best buy, or even his money's worth. That which is in the bag is valuable to the ranchman only when it does the job he wants it to do — nourish the animal. If there are other ingredients in the bag which are specified on the tag then they are either accidental, fillers or merely an attraction to aid the sale. These "extras" are usually meaningless and unless the ranchmen is cautious they are likely to cost him money. Now, as never before, it is wise for the feed buyer to know what he is buying, to understand the tag, to understand the food properties and usefulness of the ingredients, and to rely only on scrupulous manufacturers and merchants.

Too many of the ranch people are being hoodwinked into believing that something that is cheap may be just as good; whereas it may be most expensive if it is not doing the job for which it was purchased. Yet, the high

priced feed which may or may not do the job may be a waste of money to the ranchman who can, by wise selection, buy cheaper feed that would be equally as satisfactory.

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By J. EVETTS HALEY

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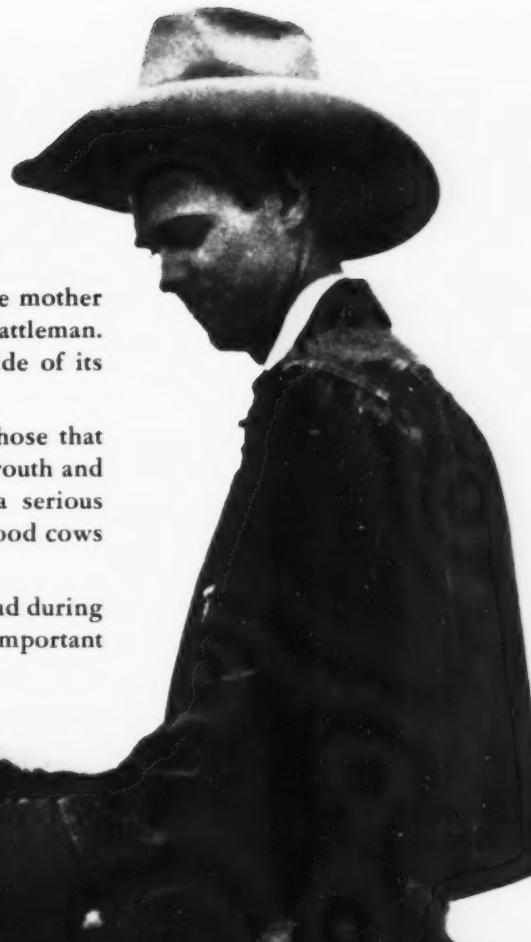
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Mexican Labor Situation

By WILLIE B. WILSON, Chm. Labor Committee
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

DURING AUGUST Herbert Brownell, Attorney General, made a trip to California to investigate the wetback problem along the United States-Mexico border. Immediately as a result of this trip, several of the organizations,

including the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, who represent users of Mexican laborers along the Mexican border, sent communications to Mr. Brownell urging him to initiate a simple border crossing system of processing the Mexican labor as one of the principal solutions to the wetback problem. All of these associations felt that Mr. Brownell represented a new approach to the problem and might be able to give some relief from the complex processing system now in effect, which has resulted in the tremendous migration of Mexican Nationals to the United States on an illegal basis.

Subsequently, Mr. Brownell appointed one of the Assistant Attorneys General, J. Lee Rankin, with a mandate to (1) stop the wetbacks and (2) to work out a simplified processing procedure. This order of business of the cart before the horse has been the approach that has been made by government agencies to this problem in all cases. It has always been the contention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association that a simple border crossing system of processing would eliminate practically all the wetback problem.

One of Mr. Rankin's first acts was to ask the Farm Bureau to hold a meeting of the users of Mexican National laborers and to submit to him recommendations to a solution of the problem. This meeting was duly held in Dallas during September and was attended by Ernest Williams, Executive Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. This group approved a 16-point program which was sent to Mr. Brownell, the gist of which was the recommendation of a simple border crossing system of processing Mexican Nationals. After this meeting, Mr. Rankin appointed a six-man advisory committee to assist him further with this problem and in carrying out the 16-point recommendations. An attempt was made by representatives of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to place a member on this committee, because of the peculiar problems of livestock producers, but due to its limited size they were not successful.

In the latter part of September, the Assistant Attorney General called a meeting of a six-man advisory committee, and Ernest Williams, Executive Secretary of the Association, went to Washington and participated in this meeting, although he was not an official member of the committee. His reaction upon returning was that the sympathetic hearing that he and the members of the committee received was almost too good to be true and he felt that Mr. Rankin was probably over-optimistic. This has since proved to be correct prognostication because subsequent to that time there doesn't appear to have been any action taken by the Attorney General's office along these lines, but the U. S. Labor Department has continued to carry the ball and has been negotiating with representatives of the Mexican government in El Centro, California.

These negotiations were in pursuance to the recommendations of the Mexican sub-committee of the Mexican labor committee, advisors to the Labor Department, as a result of the meeting that was held in Washington in October, urging the adop-

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tion of the 16-point plan that had been heretofore submitted to the Attorney General's office. One of the provisions of this plan was the urging of the use of Mexican National labor along the border on a day haul basis, with the thought that this would be a step toward the initiation of a simplified border crossing system. The Mexican representatives seemed to be agreeable to this but at the last moment, as has been so many times the case, they would agree to it only if the Mexican Consul would have the right to sign every contract. That is, the Mexican Consul would be given discretionary power as to whether a particular employer would be entitled to have help or not. This requirement by the representatives of the Mexican government caused the termination of the negotiations.

It is the feeling of all those who have worked with this problem and with a majority of the ranchmen who use Mexican Nationals that the only solution to the wetback problem is a simple border recruiting system of processing this help. But when there are many bureaus and governmental agencies of the United States negotiating these contracts, and many of these agencies hostile to the American employers, and when there are Mexican representatives making many requirements that are foolish and impractical and in most instances actually detrimental to their own people, although probably inspired by organized labor from this country, you are not apt to get a ready solution to the problem — probably never, although it will continue to be the policy of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to do everything possible to secure a solution.

CHAPMAN HONORED

BY F. F. A.

CORKY CHAPMAN of Coleman was recently awarded the American Farmers Degree at Kansas City, Missouri. This is one of the highest awards a young man can gain in agricultural work.

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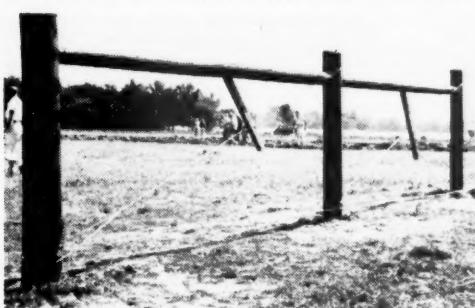
The reason was a good one. Six years ago Callaham started a balanced farming program, following a disastrous attack of Bang's on his Shorthorn herd which forced him to sell at market prices. Today, thanks to his balanced farming, he has paid most of his debts and invested \$20,000 in improvements.

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A Medley of Sheep Conditions

By R. R. DYKSTRA, Dean Emeritus School of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State College, Author, Animal Sanitation and Disease Control

DURING THE past 12 months period announcements have been made from research centers, by practicing veterinarians, by sheep raisers and others that in the future may have a bearing on the entire sheep industry. This writer has seen no data nor heard any facts in regard to the statements made occasionally that taken as a whole sheep are less healthful than cattle and that the death loss is greater, so as to place the sheep industry at an economic disadvantage.

The following items are of interest:

I. **Coccidiosis (Red dysentery)**: This disease of lambs, rare in adults, is due to a small micro-parasite or protozoa that lodges in the intestines so that these become thickened, and not infrequently their lining is denuded so that intestinal bleeding results, and the discharges are blood stained and black colored. The death rate varies from three to twelve per cent, but because of the coccidia, there are many more chronically ill animals that make unsatisfactory gains in the feed lot.

Sanitation to prevent infestation consists in placing lambs in clean areas, creep feeding, and the avoidance of crowding. Unthriftness of any member of the flock, even before the exact cause of the condition is determined, should always be followed.

ed by segregation. The disease is almost common and intercommunicable between sheep and goats and therefore the necessity of considering these latter animals in the preventive and sanitary steps.

A large scale feed lot in Nebraska reports that from 0.5 to as high as 1.5% of sulphur added to the ration of lambs for a period of not more than 72 days gave satisfactory results in holding down the development of naturally acquired coccidiosis. Larger amounts of sulphur caused some diarrhea and lesser gains in weight. The value of sulphur in this connection does not at this time bear the stamp of scientific endorsement.

II. **B. H. C. Dipping**: Occasionally reports are made of death of sheep following the dipping in a B.H.C. solution of appropriate strength. Lindane is also involved. The facts are that animals in an unthrifty condition, especially old, thin ewes, do frequently succumb, though thrifty animals recover quickly. Always the dipping solution should have a temperature between 80 degrees and 100 degrees F., and in its preparation alkali or hard water should not be used. Also the dip is less effective when dirty, and should be changed frequently. The strength of the dip depends upon the "gamma isomer" concentration in the B.H.C. or in the lindane. This strength is stated on the label of the original container. If for example the B.H.C. contains six per cent "gamma isomer" concentration, use 3½ pounds for each 100 gallons of water, or two pounds if it is 10 per cent, and 1¾ pounds if it is 12 per cent. Lindane wettable powder having 25% strength should have 13 ounces in each 100 gallons. An emulsified lindane preparation should have 0.8 pint of the 25 per cent strength added to 100 gallons of water. In other words in the case of either B.H.C. or lindane, the dip should contain .025 per cent of the isomer. Rams, old sheep, and lambs should be dipped separately. Since these dips are poisonous they should not be discarded into water containing fish, nor on vegetation. If very small lambs are hand dipped, there is some temporary confusion but usually the ewes find their own lambs.

III. **Liver Fluke (Fasciola hepatica)**: Infestation of cattle and sheep with this leaf-like parasite for many years has been relatively common in the low coastal areas of the United States. The mature parasite about ½ inch wide, and slightly more than one inch long, lodges in the ducts of the liver so as to cause obstruction and

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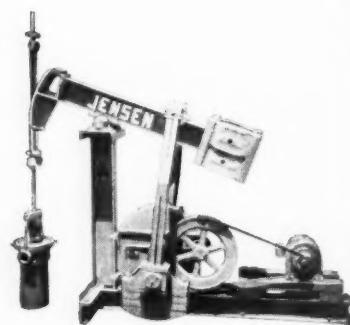


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local death of tissue. Briefly the life history of the parasite is that its eggs are discharged with the intestinal evacuations; during several changes in form it is necessary for their biological development to pass through the body of a water snail; emerging from the latter they get on blades of grass to be consumed by sheep and cattle so that finally they lodge in the liver. Depending upon the numbers present in the liver, the general health of the host suffers to a greater or less extent which is manifested outwardly by paleness of the eye membranes, and some jaundice, and unthriftiness. There is no generally effective curative remedy though carbon tetrachloride one cc. mixed with four cc's. of mineral oil and administered by way of the mouth will destroy some of the flukes in the liver. Bad results reported following the use of this remedy are abortion in ewes, and decreased milk flow. In Texas, Olson of the Experiment Station, reported favorable results from a mixture of 500 grams of hexachlorethane, 50 grams of bentonite, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of white flour, and 750 cc. of tap water. The dose for a mature animal is one ounce. This remedy acts only on the mature parasite in the liver—it has no effect on the immature migrating parasite. The late fall months are most favorable for treatment. Since this parasite in its development must pass through the body of the water snail, prevention consists in keeping sheep away from low swampy areas. In those sections of the United States where liver fluke infestation is an annual problem, the marshy regions are treated with a solution by dissolving one part of blue vitriol (copper sulfate) in one million parts of water. Since the amount of water in a swamp is unknown, a crude estimate will need to be made. This solution of blue vitriol will kill the snails, and unfortunately also kills fish. However, those low areas, where the raising of sheep was not formerly possible, have now become economically productive by a combination of blue vitriol treatment of the swamp water, and the administration of either carbon tetrachloride or hexachlorethane as described in the preceding portion of this article.

IV. White Muscle Disease (Stiff Lamb Disease): There are a variety of conditions that may make lambs, and older animals as well, have a stiff gait. For example, tetanus (lock-jaw) occasionally following castration and docking, rickets, joint diseases, etc. "Stiff Lamb Disease" is a clinical entity that may affect lambs during their early nursing days as well as after weaning. At first, the hind legs are stiff though appetite and general condition remain good for a time. Gradually the condition worsens and usually finally results fatally. On autopsy many muscles have white streaks. Early research pointed to a vitamin E deficiency as the only probable cause of the disease, but a report recently released by Michigan State College clearly demonstrates that though vitamin E deficiency is an important causative factor, the research "suggests the possible influence of other factors . . . in the case of 'stiff lamb' disease."

V. Strain 19 and Brucellosis: Occasionally the question is raised in sheep and goat circles regarding the efficiency of "strain 19 vaccine" as an

immunizing agent in the prevention of brucellosis (Bang's disease, abortion disease) in sheep and goats. The value of this vaccine has a high rating in the prevention of the comparable cattle condition. "Strain 19 Vaccine" has not been demonstrated to be of value in the prevention of this disease in sheep and goats. In individual sheep the disease is self limiting but from one animal it may spread to others so that in the flock as a whole the infection and the consequent

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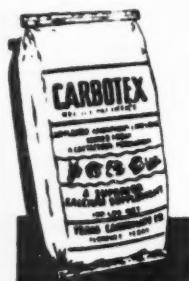
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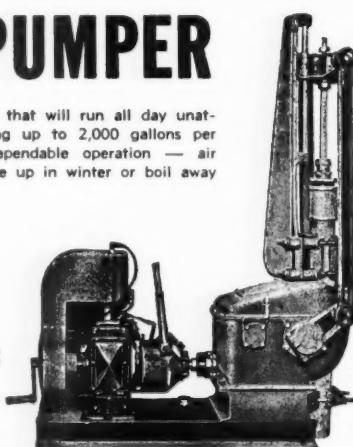
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A Medley

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abortions may persist for some time. Early segregation and sanitation, or even slaughter, are approved steps in controlling flock infection. In goats the infection is not self limiting — it may and usually does persist for the life of the animal — not necessarily causing premature births, but with the infected animal a "carrier" and therefore a permanent source of group involvement. Slaughter and sanitation are recommended when this infection appears amongst goats.

VI. Bluebag (Mastitis, Garget): Observed in many ewes. In some flocks it appears to be due to a variety of germs that presumably gain entrance to the udder through injuries to the teats, or through relaxed and abnormally dilated teat openings. Affected ewes carry an elevated temperature, loss of appetite and stiff gait because of soreness of the udder. The latter is first a pink hue though later blue and cold. The secretion from the affected portion of the gland is thin, bloody or even purulent. The mortality rate is very high. Some veterinarians report good results from the intramuscular injection of penicillin if used during or before the pink discoloration sets in — it is without value in the later stages. Pregnant ewes should be placed in corrals not previously occupied by animals that have contracted "bluebag."

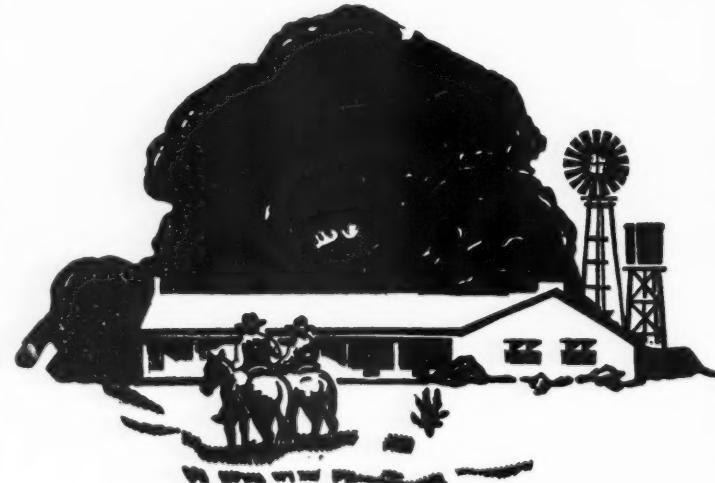
VII. Big-head (Tetradymia, etc.). As usual during the hot cloudless days of summer, with approximately the average weed growth, sheep raisers found the younger members of their flock affected with swollen ears and other facial parts, itching and serum oozing out of the swellings. Lassitude sets in, and if relief is not obtained death frequently follows in two or three days. The best handling is to immediately cart, not drive, the animal to a dark cool place. As is well known to sheepmen the condition is said to be due to the direct ac-

tion of sunlight and the consumption of certain weeds such as coal-oil weed, St. Johnswort, spineless horsebrush, little leaf horsebrush, buckwheat and others. In other words, the condition is a photosensitization. Prevention consists in permitting grazing in weedy pastures only during sunless periods. There is no known cure after the weed has been consumed. In South Africa a somewhat clinically similar condition has been observed in young rams due to infection of head wounds received during fighting. This South African condition is not the "bighead" observed in the United States.

VIII. "Blue Tongue" (Catarrhal Fever of Sheep). Reports in the United States (press and radio) have indicated the diagnosis of the So. African sheep and cattle disease known colloquially as "blue-tongue". It is an infectious though not a contagious disease. The cause is a virus transmitted from infected to susceptible animals by biting gnats. There is fever, and a discharge of an odorous muco-purulent material from the eyes and nose. The tongue and other mouth tissues are at first reddened and then turn purplish or blue in color. The disease should not be confused with foot-and-mouth disease. The mortality rate is about 30 per cent. Animals that recover are permanently immune, though for a considerable time following recovery they continue to carry the virus. Immunization with a vaccine consisting of formalized spleen pulp has been reported. There is no known cure, but since it is a disease of the low lands, and presumably transmitted by night-flying insects its prevention is based on day-time grazing on high land.

IX. "Serape" of Sheep: This foreign disease of sheep — it has been observed in France, and it has been known to sheepmen in Britain for 200 years; in Canada it was reported in a few isolated flocks in 1945, and in Ohio and Illinois, and Butte County, California, during the latest year. The specific cause is not known though it is believed to be lodged in the nerve tissues as emulsions of brain and spin-

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al cord of affected sheep injected into susceptibles has resulted in its reproduction. The outstanding symptom is intense itching so that the wool is rubbed out, unsteady gait, fear, and usually a fatal termination. Since the disease is still a good deal of a mystery no method of prevention or handling is known.

X. Q-Fever (Nine-mile fever): This is a disease of humans that several years ago was designated Q fever because there was a question about the nature and cause of the disease, as well as the means of contraction by humans.

Later it was demonstrated to be due to a very small germ — a rickettsia — termed *Coxiella burnetti*. Early researchers showed that this organism was in market milk though there is no evidence that the drinking of this caused the disease in humans. In some human outbreaks the disease was more prevalent following dust storms. In humans the disease has the general symptoms of a mild attack of influenza.

enza though without the rash of most of the other human diseases due to a rickettsia. All of this discussion involves the sheep industry as the Commercial Disease Center of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has announced the isolation of the causative germ of Q-fever from the after-births (placentae) of sheep and in the surrounding air immediately following lambing. This isolation of the germ was made in northern California. Since Q-fever of humans seems to be an occupational disease that is virtually limited to livestock attendants and laboratorians, it is another hazard for those attending ewes at the time of parturition.

The foregoing described ailments of sheep, as well as closely related conditions, are those that have been most frequently mentioned in the lay and professional publications, and in research reports that have come under the eyes of the writer of this article during the 1953 year.

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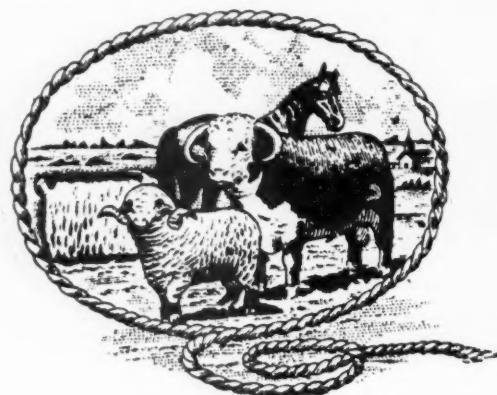
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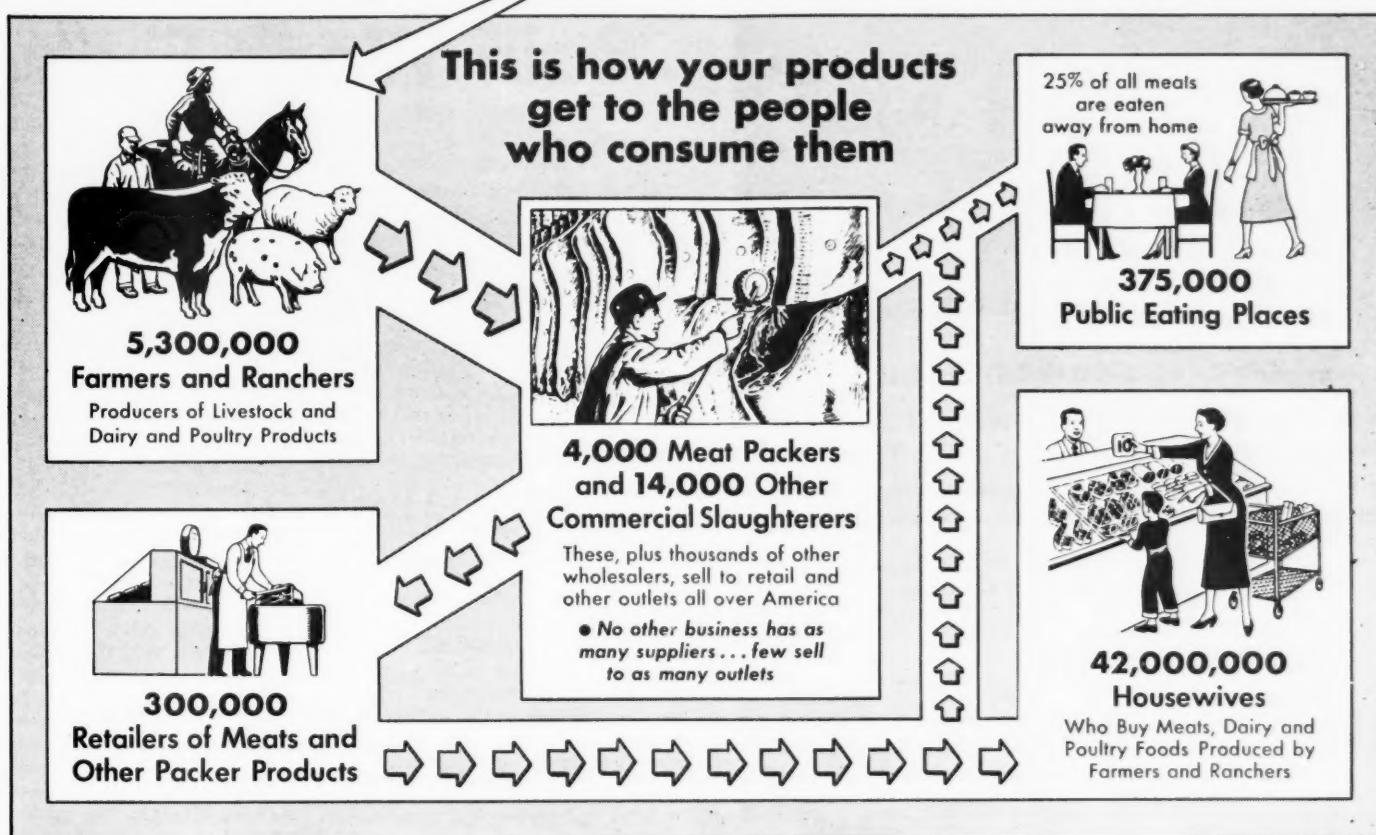


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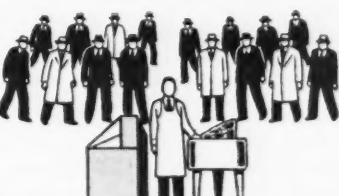
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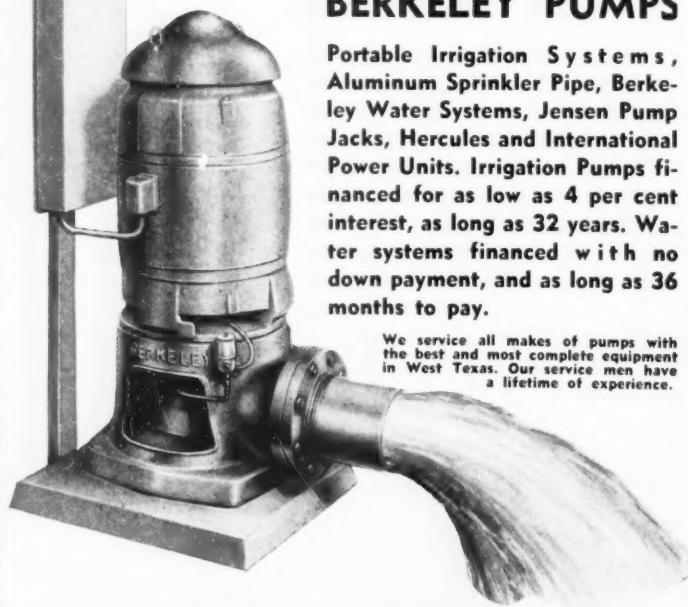
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"Nothing... A Good Rain Won't Fix"

By H. M. BRIGGS, Dean and Director
College of Agriculture, University of Wyoming

"GENTLEMEN, there's nothing wrong with this country that a good rain won't fix!" summarized Uncle Billy Baker, the beloved county agent of Cimarron County, Oklahoma, as he stretched his sparse frame to its full height, squared his shoulders, and spoke in his slow, philosophical drawl. The setting was a meeting in Oklahoma City late in the so-called "dust bowl" days, that had been called by the then Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace. Certainly, the Southwest country had just passed through a very serious period in its history and of course this seriousness had been over-dramatized by such writers as Steinbeck in his *Grapes of Wrath*, Sears in *Deserts on the March* and by armchair specialists from coast to coast who knew just exactly what it took to restore the productivity of the great Southwest.

After the meeting had gone on for about two days and all the specialists that were accumulated had expressed their opinions, someone in the crowd suggested that after all, Uncle Billy Baker had more experience in the suffering area than anyone else present and asked that he make a few remarks. In just one sentence, he summed up the situation and sat down. It is doubtful if many at the time appreciated the background of Uncle Billy or his seasoned wisdom. But the next year it had rained over the Southwest and the Panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas and Western Kansas saw one of their greatest wheat crops produced.

It hadn't been an ordinary county agent talking, because this man had studied his county and the Southwest as a doctor studies his patient. He had come to the Southwest as a one-room school teacher and studied everything he could get on improved farming and ranching conditions. When the original county agents were being selected, the people in Cimarron County knew who they wanted for county agent and that was their county school teacher. And well he served that county until he reached retirement age.

Moisture Is Erratic

People who have lived very long in the Southwest know it is a great country but that it is an uncertain country. And we should realize that this area has not only been uncertain in its production just within the short time that man has kept weather records, but as Uncle Billy always pointed out, uncertainty in weather had gone back as far as man or nature had left any kind of a record. It has always changed, according to the recordings of nature, and I presume it will continue to be so. Other regions may have other producing problems, but in the great ranching areas, variation

in rainfall will continue to be one of the greatest.

Nature Is A Great Doctor

We often hear that grass is a great healer. During periods of drouth, however, it becomes quite evident that we must have water before grass can do very much healing.

You will hear many folks say and see many articles to the effect that many of our so-called drouth areas of the past few years will be decades returning to their former state of productivity. Many people will be amazed at how rapidly this recovery will be, if these areas get a few well spaced rains. In fact, after the dust bowl era, some areas in the Great Plains had some of their best grass years within a year or two after the dry cycle ended.

Nature Can Be Helped

Nature will do a lot to restore our devastated ranges, but no longer do we have to depend entirely upon nature to help grass become reestablished. With ample rainfall, we now know that the range grasses can be very successfully seeded artificially and that fertilizer can easily make the thin spots a lot more productive. In addition, we have grasses from foreign areas that are adapted to reseeding vast acreages. In short, our various experimental agencies, which include our agricultural experiment stations; the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering; and the research branch of the Soil Conservation Service have found many facts that we didn't have a few years ago. These have and will continue to be made available to the public through the Agricultural Extension Service and through the Soil Conservation Service so that they can be quickly put into practice when the rains come.

We must not lose sight of the fact that the average rancher today knows a lot more about range management than was known a few decades ago and our ranches are cross-fenced in such a way that good rotation of grazing areas will speed the recovery when we again get what we think of as normal rainfall. Of course, our idea



of normal rainfall and that of nature's is probably something quite different, because we always think of the year in which we get optimum rainfall as the normal. Actually, normal weather over a long range of time includes both floods and drouths. Maybe Uncle Billy's statement of "Gentlemen, there's nothing wrong with this country that a good rain won't fix," may be slightly overdrawn for any given ranch or farm, but certainly we will all agree rain is the biggest factor in restoration from drouth damage.

We've millions and millions of acres in the United States suitable for nothing but grass — and that's not a very useful crop on the stem. Cattle and sheep convert it into human food and clothing material. Nature always provides a ground cover, in time, even if left to her own devices, but her pace may be slow and the crop may not be the best for livestock.

Now there is one problem left for the individual. Are you going to be ready to help nature in its vast job of range rejuvenation? If you are going to be ready to do your part in helping nature, here's a list of things you can do even before the moisture hits.

1. Find what type of grasses or legumes offer the most when reseeded in your area.

2. Find what grasses will respond best on your various soil types — in other words, that may call for some soil tests. You may need some fertilizer on some acres to help introduced grasses or legumes get started.

3. Have fences ready that will help you restrict grazing in some areas and control it in others.

4. Have a supply of needed grass seed on hand.

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IT'S BEEN DRY BEFORE —

West Texas Is Still Okay--Give It Time

By DR. VIRGIL P. LEE, President,
Production Credit Corporation of Houston

REGARDLESS OF what people say, West Texas is just about like it has always been — every so often it quits raining. Even before the country was inhabited and any ground was plowed up, they had long dry spells and sandstorms. You can see the sand dunes that were rolled up such periods up around Muleshoe and Seminole. That was before they had overgrazing too. It just stayed dry so long there wasn't any vegetation to keep the dirt from getting up in the air.

Aside from the special talent that has been developed by a few ranchers for overgrazing, nearly all West Texas ranchers are doing a much better job in taking care of their pastures and livestock. There has been a big improvement since the early '30's. We are demonstrating in this dry spell that we have learned to gradually sell and cut down numbers as the drought proceeds. This saves money and it saves the pastures. We have learned also not to wait until the sheep or cattle are nearly starved to death to sell them. In fact, we have learned to either sell the stuff or put enough feed in them to keep them in good strong condition where they are ready to produce when rains do come. Also, we have found out that water is about as important as feed, and we have much better water facilities than in any previous drought.

Many ranchers have learned that it is cheaper to live off of their fat than to try to keep the numbers of sheep or cattle they are accustomed to running. In some types of operations not involving valuable basic herds they have found that it is better to be entirely out of sheep than to spend all past years' earnings to feed them.

Another thing quite a few ranchers have learned is that when the going is good some of their earnings should be stored away rather than shooting the whole works as margin to borrow as much money as they can so they can become bigger and bigger operators. One of the biggest differences in the condition of West Texas ranchers in this drought and the one in the thirties is that so many have stored away a good financial backlog by buying land and paying off land debts. A man who owns his ranch and doesn't owe anything on it can last a long time. We will all be surprised how many ranchers will be prepared and ready to start right in full blast when conditions are right again.

So, we are gradually learning. It takes human beings a long time to learn anything anyway. When the late R. E. Dickson of the Spur Agricultural Experiment Station was celebrating his 25th anniversary with that station he gave a good illustration of how slow we learn. His main job at

the station was to find ways and means of making the best use of what little rain they have in that area. He had meetings of farmers and ranchers to talk about preventing the water from running off down the creeks and making it stay on the fields and pastures and soak in. He had field days at the Station to show the people by example what could be done. He wrote bulletins about how to conserve water. After 25 years, observing how little effect he had had on the farming and ranching practices around Spur, he jokingly said that he believed if he could live and work another 10 years he could prove to most, but not all, of the people that water runs down hill. Just give us time and most of us will learn that every so often there will be a dry spell in West Texas.

HAMPSHIRE MEETING

THE 64TH regular annual meeting of the American Hampshire Sheep Association is called to meet in Chicago, at the Stock Yards Inn, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1953, to elect a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, three directors from districts and two directors at large, and such other business as may come before the meeting. A dinner will be given members of the Association at the Inn, following the meeting.

GUY POWELL HEADS HOUSTON STOCK SHOW

GUY POWELL of Kerrville, Texas, has been named Superintendent of the Breeding Sheep division of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, according to Ralph A. Johnston, president.

The dates of the show are February 3 through 14.

Mr. Powell is the County Agricultural Agent of Kerrville, Texas, and will be assisted by Laron Golden, professor of agriculture at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

Stock show officials who toured many of the most productive livestock areas in the United States this summer reported wide enthusiasm by breeders in the forthcoming show.

We expect to exceed any previous Houston show in both quality and number of entries, said Herman Engel, general manager.

Plans are being made for a livestock show barn 60x80 feet to be built at Medina, which is to be used as a show barn and school bus garage. A rodeo is to be held in Medina to pay for material and the work will be donated by residents. The building will be on school land and will belong to the community.

N. C. Armstrong, Claude Rambo, and Melvin Decker bought 1,700 solid mouth breeding ewes from Charles Schreiner, Jr., of the Schreiner Ranch.

Mason Crocker of the James River Ranch, a part of the Schreiner Ranch, and who has been for the past few months leasing a part of the late Frank Wilhelm ranch, has gotten a government trapper in to do away with coyotes. At present the count has run to four coyotes killed with cyanide guns. Mrs. Charlotte V. Rambo's ranch in that vicinity seems to have been the hardest hit this year by the wolves.

Harold Bevans, Menard rancher, who has been leasing pasture at Vinita, Oklahoma, moved 500 calves from there to Kit Carson, Colorado, for winter pasture.

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Excellent Sheep and Goat Show at 1953 State Fair

BOTH THE quality and the numbers were good in the 1953 sheep and goat show at the State Fair in Dallas. A highlight of the show, undoubtedly, was the Junior Rambouillet division, in which Scotty Menzies of Menard placed both champions. Nearly all

other breeds were well represented by high quality animals.

Delaine Merino Show

The Delaine show, judged by Owen Bragg, Talpa, was featured by the winnings of P. R. and T. G. Gromatzky of Hamilton, with the Gromatzkys placing first ram lamb, pen of three ram lambs and champion ram. G. A. Glimp, Burnet, had reserve champion ram. The Gromatzkys also had the first yearling ewe, first pen of three yearling ewes, first pen of three ewe lambs, Exhibitor's Flock and get of sire.

Ola Mae Itz, Harper, had champion ewe and reserve champion ewe.

The ewe lamb class was exceptionally good with ten entries.

Rambouillets

John Williams of Eldorado was judge of the Rambouillet show.

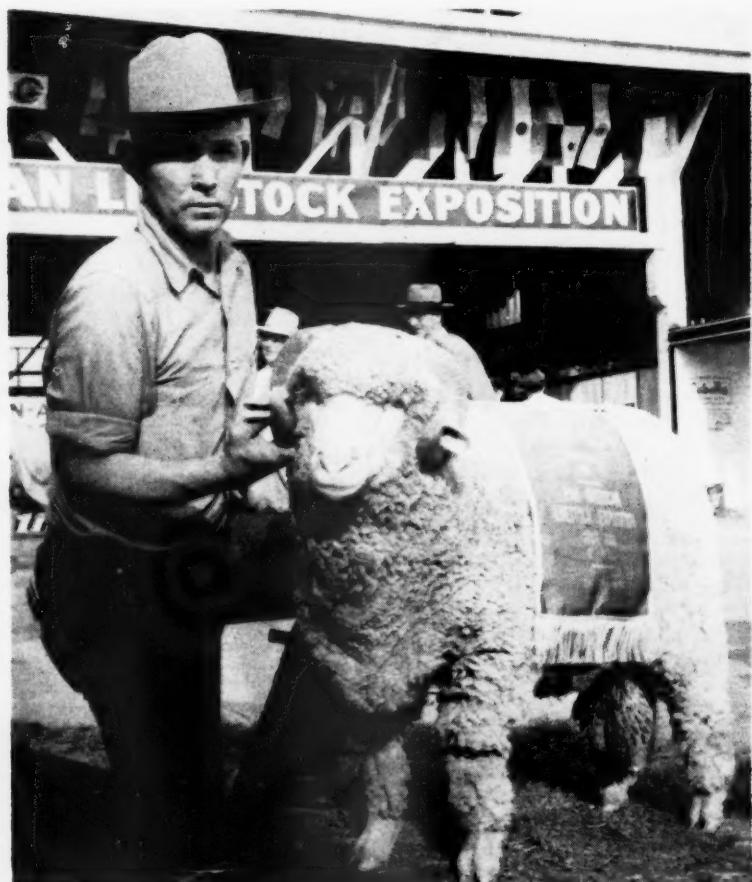
Ovey Taliaferro of Eden placed first yearling ram and champion ram, with Leo Richardson of Iraan placing first ram lamb and reserve champion ram. Taliaferro had first yearling ewe and champion ewe. Leo Richardson had first ewe lamb. Texas A & M had first pen of three yearling ewes, first pen of three ewe lambs and reserve champion ewe. Leo Richardson had first get of sire.

In the Junior Show, Scotty Menzies placed first in every class and had champion and reserve champion in both the ram and ewe classes. There were 11 entries in the ram lamb class and 15 in the ewe lamb class with the following young breeders exhibiting: Eddie Farrell Smith, Sonora; Geo. Parker, Harper; H. D. Bode, Harper; Connie Mack Locklin, Sonora; Jan



TALIAFERRO SHOWS CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET RAM AT STATE FAIR

Rambouillet sheep breeder, Ovey Taliaferro of Eden, Texas, is shown with his champion Rambouillet ram of the State Fair of 1953. This ram was recently sold to J. W. Carnuthers, Jr., of Sanderson, for \$500. Mr. Taliaferro also showed the champion ewe.



PAUL GROMATZKY SHOWS CHAMPION DELAINE RAM

Paul Gromatzky of Hamilton, Route 3, is shown with his champion Delaine ram of the 1953 State Fair.

Vander Strucken, Sonora; William Strickland, Brady; David Mitchell, Sanderson; and Herman Rutherford, Mullin.

Southdowns

Dr. H. M. Briggs, Laramie, Wyoming, was judge.

Duron Howard, Ryan, Oklahoma, showed champion ram; J. M. Raiden & Son, Honey Grove, Texas, reserve champion ram. Howard showed both champion and reserve champion ewe. Myron Hillman, Mullin, Texas, showed first pen of three ram lambs with Raiden showing first pen of three yearling ewes.

Shropshires

J. P. Mitchell of Trenton, Tennessee, won all first places in the Shropshire show.

Hampshires

Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson of Plano, Texas, garnered the lion's share of awards in the Hampshire sheep show, winning first place ram lamb, pen of three ram lambs, reserve champion ram, yearling ewe, pen of three yearling ewes, ewe lamb, pen of three ewe lambs, champion and reserve champion ewe and exhibitor's flock.

J. P. Mitchell had first yearling ram and champion ram.

Harrison Davis of Dorchester showed first breeder's special.

Suffolks

Harrison Davis won the most of the firsts in the Suffolk show, including yearling ram, ram lamb, pen of three ram lambs, champion and reserve champion ram, yearling ewe, pen of three yearling ewes, champion ewe and exhibitor's flock.

The Trans-Pecos Ranch, Ft. Stockton, showed first place ewe lamb, pen

OLA MAE ITZ SHOWS CHAMPION DELAINE EWE

Miss Ola Mae Itz of Harper is shown holding the champion Delaine ewe of 1953 State Fair. Miss Itz also had the reserve champion Delaine ewe, shown being held by her father.

of three ewe lambs, reserve champion ewe and get of sire.

Angora Goats

Bobby Sites, Wimberley, 1953 Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association award winner, was very much in evidence in the Angora goat show, Type B, winning almost all first places, including champion buck and champion doe.

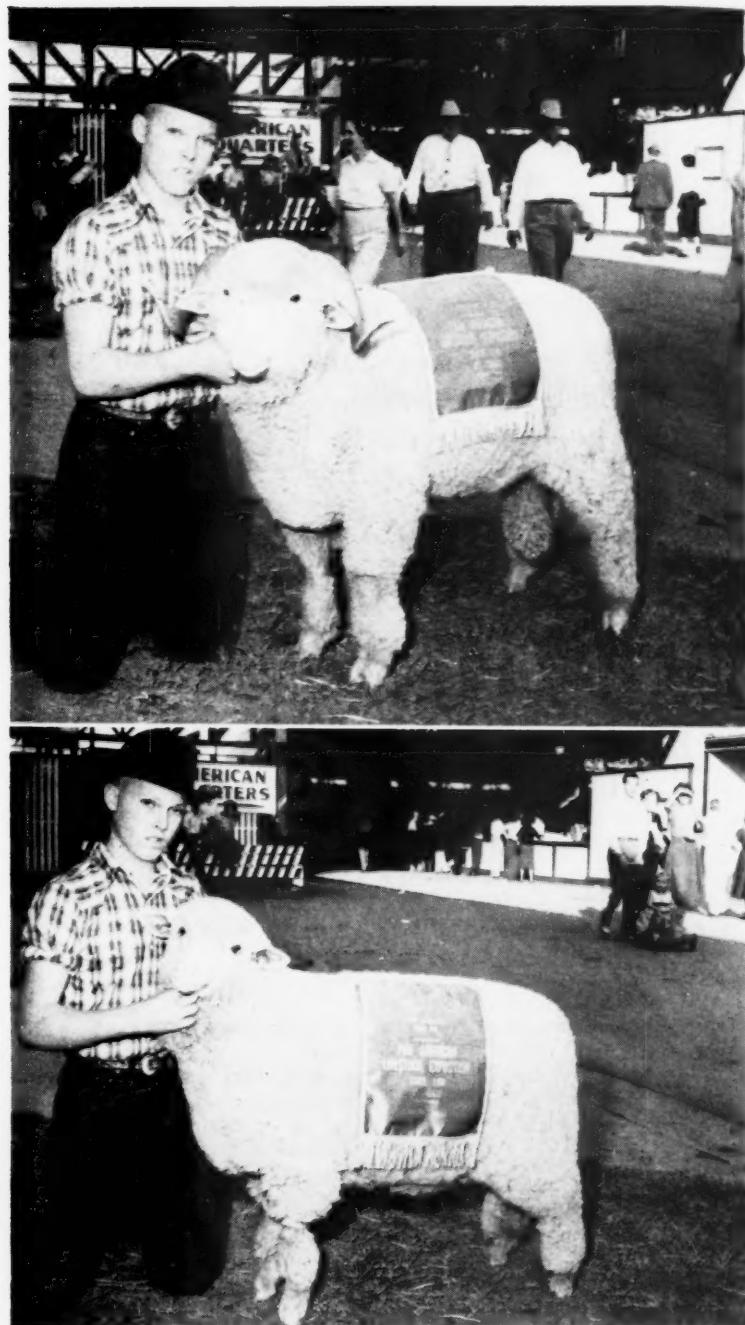
W. S. Orr, Rocksprings, had reserve champion doe, while Charles Orr had reserve champion buck. W. S. Orr showed first pen of three yearling does.

In the Type C show the champion buck was exhibited by W. S. Orr

and reserve champion by Charles Orr. Champion doe by H. R. Sites, reserve champion doe by Charles Orr. W. S. Orr showed first yearling buck; H. R. Sites, first buck kid, pen of three buck kids and yearling does. Charles Orr showed first pen of three yearling does, doe kid, pen of three doe kids and exhibitor's flock.

S. W. Dismukes, Rocksprings, showed first get of sire.

In the grass judging contest, Tom Ellidge, Maybank FFA, Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil Conservation District was high individual; and Gatesville FFA, Hamilton-Coryell S.C.D., J. O. Winslar, Instructor, was high team.

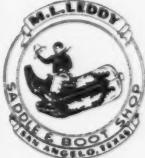


SCOTTY MENZIES SWEEPS JUNIOR SHOW

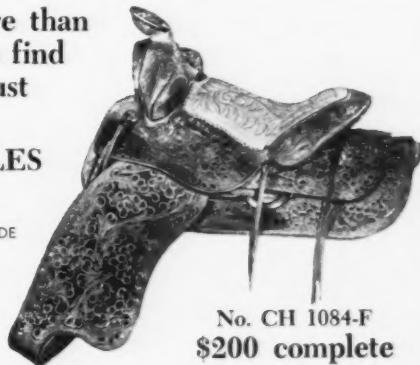
Scotty Menzies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Menzies of Menard, was big winner in the Junior Rambouillet Show of the 1953 State Fair. He is shown here with his champion Rambouillet ram and ewe.



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Grease Wool Classing May Be Revised by U. S. D. A.

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture is now studying a proposal through which grease wool will have staple lengths designated in inches for each grade. The Department is releasing information on the proposal and hopes that any serious objection to it will be forthcoming in the near future.

The origination of the plan was at the Denver Wool Laboratory where a study of staple length of wool had been made.

The proposal suggests that the following grease wool staple length designations in inches for the various grades of wool be adopted. (Table)

The staple length figure in each case is based on the unstretched staple length and represents a minimum length for the bulk of the staples in a lot.

The report says that the staple be made from the length designations as desired.

For example, a fine grade lot of wool which has fleeces that range in length from 2 through 3 inches could be called "good French" and "staple."

According to the report, adoption of the proposed classing system would

provide: (1) A uniform yardstick by which fleeces may be classed for length when they are graded; (2) A better understanding of length requirements in preparing wools for market; (3) A more objective basis for equitable trading and for evaluating differences between fleeces and clips of wool; (4) A guide to breeders and producers in selecting breeding stocks; (5) Assistance to producers in interpreting market quotations, and (6) A basis for USDA's market news service to report sales and prices.

Length of Staple Important

Length of staple, the report will point out, is important as a physical characteristic which determines what the wool can be used for, its conversion cost, and its ability to produce the type and character of yarn of end product desired.

To the producer, therefore, it also influences the amount of clean wool contained in a fleece and therefore is important in any sheep and wool improvement program, the report will point out, adding that at present, the length classes used to indicate variations within a grade are indefinite as to measured specifications.

Commercial Length Classes	Fine	1/2-Blood	3/8-Blood	1/4-Blood	Low 1/4-Blood	Common
Staple	Longer	Longer	Longer	Longer	Longer	Longer
Good French	2.5" & 2.0	3.0" & 2.5	3.5" & 3	4" & 2.0	4.5" & 2.5	5" & —
Combing	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.5	—	—
Aver. French	1.0	1.5	—	—	—	—
Short French	Under	Under	Under	Under	Under	Under
Clothing & Stubby	1.0"	1.5"	2.0"	2.5"	4.5"	5.0"

GOOD YEAR FOR DELAINE BREEDER

P A U L GROMATZKY, Hamilton, Texas, Route 3, who has done so well with Delaine sheep the past three years, recently sold two weaning lambs at \$100 average. Both of these lambs are out of the Golden Trophy ram of 1952, San Angelo Delaine show. The sale was to Frank Kroll of Harper, who is building up a fine Delaine flock in that area.

Mr. Gromatzky states that he had one of the best years in the Delaine ram sales in 1953 that he has had in all the time he has been breeding sheep, in spite of adverse weather. He says he has had a standing order for more than 200 rams and ewes and that he could sell at least 200 ewes if he had them. He has averaged about \$75 for his rams this year.

Bennett Potts has bought the 120 acres of ranch land belonging to Bill Alexander, about 12 miles west of Menard. He stocked it with 84 head of solid mouth Rambouillet ewes, in very good condition, at \$6.50 per head. Plans on buying a few more at later date.

FREDERICKSBURG FFA HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

THE Fredericksburg Future Farmer meat judging team placed first at the National Future Farmers Association Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, for the second consecutive year. Elton Moellering, a top man in the contest, received a gold rating. Levi Ellerbrach and A. C. Kast received silver ratings. J. L. Tatum was adviser.

Edgar Wilkinson is trucking in between 2,000 and 3,000 ewes, to his ranch about 35 miles west of Menard. The ewes have been pastured a year at Vinita, Oklahoma. The Wilkinson range is reported in excellent condition, since the stock has been taken off it, giving about a year's rest. He intends to keep them in good condition to lamb out, here. Also there is expected some cattle to be moved back in the near future.

Ranchers in northeast Menard county and southwest McCulloch county have been bothered with coyotes. They are getting more brazen each year, and are killing more and more lambs, kids, goats and sheep.



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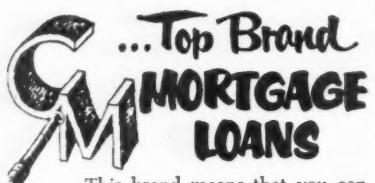
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS DECLINE FEEDERS ADVANCE

SLAUGHTER lamb prices worked lower in Texas during the first 19 days of October. In contrast, feeder lamb prices advanced, U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reported.

Prices for aged sheep and goats fluctuated within a narrow range and averaged about steady for the period. At the same time, hog prices dipped sharply, while most cattle ranged from 50c higher to 50c lower.

Liberal marketings and lower wholesale dressed meat prices were the main weakening influences in livestock trade.

Total sheep and lamb marketings at Fort Worth and San Antonio from Oct. 1-19 amounted to more than 39,000. The run was the largest for any similar period in four months. Also, it was twice as large as the month before and around 8 per cent larger than the same time last year. About 30,000 of the total supply were varded at Fort Worth. The other 10,000 went to San Antonio.

Make-up of supplies was exactly opposite at the two stockyards. Slaughter lambs comprised more than half of the run at Fort Worth. Ewes and feeder lambs made up the balance of supplies with ewes predominating. Slaughter yearlings were scarce. On the other hand, shorn aged sheep accounted for the bulk of

San Antonio's supply. All lambs were scarce.

In fact, not enough slaughter lambs were on sale at most sessions in San Antonio to test prices. The few sales reported looked around \$2 lower than at the close of trade in September. Fort Worth priced slaughter lambs around \$1 to \$2 lower for the month.

San Antonio moved a few lots of utility to choice wooled lambs at \$13 to \$15 per 100 pounds on Oct. 19. Good and choice woolen offerings made \$17 at Fort Worth, while similar grade shorn lots brought \$15 to \$16; cull and utility kinds, \$8 to \$15.

Fort Worth cleared a few utility and good yearlings on slaughter account at \$10 to \$12.50, or about unchanged. No yearlings sold at San Antonio.

Slaughter ewes and wethers ranged from 50c higher to 50c lower at both points. Yet, prices as a whole showed little change since September. Utility and good ewes took \$5.75 at Fort Worth, while cull and utility offerings made \$4.50 to \$5.50. A load of good shorn ewes reached \$7 at San Antonio. The majority of utility grades went at \$4.50 to \$5 with a load carrying fall shorn pelts at \$5.25. Culls sold down to \$4 and less.

Smaller supplies of replacement stock found improved outlets around mid-month and prices went up 50c

to \$1. Common and medium feeder lambs left San Antonio at \$10 to \$11.50. Fort Worth cleared feeder lambs at \$11 to \$13. Breeding ewes sold between \$5 and \$7.50 at San Antonio and from \$6.50 down at Fort Worth.

San Antonio counted one of the smallest goat runs in four months. Only about 4,000 head arrived from Oct. 1-19, or two-thirds less than the same period in September and a third less than the same period last year.

Outlets became quite dependable as the smaller supply found improved demand. Yet, prices failed to show any material change from September.

The bulk of common and medium shorn Angora and Spanish type slaughter goats cleared the scales on Oct. 19 at \$4 to \$5 per 100 pounds, with a few sales at \$5.25. Light culs sold down to \$3. Common and medium slaughter kids brought \$3.50 to \$4.50 per head, with one lot of medium and good kids at \$5 each. Medium grade stocker nannies and wethers changed hands at \$4 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds.

During the period Oct. 1-19, butcher hog prices dropped \$2 to \$2.25 per 100 pounds at San Antonio and \$2.50 to \$3 at Fort Worth. Sows lost 50c to \$1 at San Antonio and \$2.50 at Fort Worth.

Cattle prices fluctuated throughout the month. Yet at the close of trade on Oct. 19, prices were generally no more than 50c higher or lower. In fact, many classes failed to show much change at all. Bulls were the only exception as both yards reported prices \$1 lower.

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Reestablishment of Curly Mesquite Grass from Seedlings or Runners

By LEO B. MERRILL, Range Management, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Substation No. 14, Sonora, Texas

IT IS A well known fact that a curly mesquite grass plant sends out from one to many runners varying from a few inches to several feet in length. At an average distance of about four inches along this runner, joints or nodes are formed. When moisture conditions are favorable, these nodes root and form new plants. Since this method of reproduction is so well known, it has become widely understood that curly mesquite grass does not reproduce from seed. This belief is greatly in error, since it is possible to have abundant reproduction of curly mesquite grass from seed. It is easy, however, to see why such a belief might exist since young mesquite grass seedlings can produce both runners and seed within a period of 30 to 40 days after emergence, providing

the moisture conditions are favorable. Thus, there is only a very brief period of time in which the seedling stage may be identified.

Studies have just been completed on the experimental pastures of the Ranch Experiment Station in which all mature curly mesquite grass plants except one were removed from square-foot plots and all runners on the remaining plant mapped, along with the seedling plants. This study shows that over all pastures an average of fifteen seedlings per square foot have become established following the seven inches of rain which fell from August 20 to October 10.

On three pastures which had previously been stocked at the heavy rate of 48 animals units per section, the following comparisons were made be-

tween plant establishments from seedlings and from runners branching from the single mature plants remaining on the plots. An average of 11 seedlings per square foot have become firmly established on these three pastures, while six plants per square foot have become established from runners. If several of the mature plants had been left, there would have been corresponding increase in the number of plants established from runners, since a high percentage of the nodes took root. (Only one plant was left on each plot because the runners from several became intertwined in such a manner that it was impossible to trace them on a map.) In addition to plants established from the runners of the mature plant, seedlings also have sent out runners and have produced an average of one new plant per square foot. In most cases the runners from the mother plants have spread over an area of two to four square feet.

Young grass seedlings are usually delicate and subject to severe grazing damage. This holds true for curly mesquite, although the rapidity of establishment under favorable conditions makes it less vulnerable to grazing than most grass species. If it has adequate moisture for growth and is free from grazing for 60 days after emergence, a mesquite grass seedling can likely stand light to moderate grazing thereafter without serious harm. Plants rooted from the nodes of runners, however, are in a more precarious position since they are slow to develop a root system and remain attached to the mother plant. An animal grazing on any portion of the plant can uproot the entire system. Steers turned into the study pastures since the rains fell have been observed to uproot in a single bite as many as four runners with three plants attached to each runner, thus destroying as many as twelve individual plants in obtaining a single mouthful of grass. It can thus be readily seen that, where possible, drouth-stricken areas in which curly mesquite grass predominates, should not be grazed at all for several months following drouth-breaking rainfall. If no grazing, or only light grazing is practiced for several months, there is a good possibility that fair mesquite grass cover can be obtained on those drouth-stricken ranges which have received good rains.

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Ringtail Skump says dogs ain't got no sense. Humph! Every dog Ringtail ever took onto his place had sense enough to sneak away the first night and hunt another home.

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See by the papers that an Illinois professor says smart people have more headaches than dumb ones. Not out here. Smart people drink better liquor'n the dumb ones.

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This world is in a terrible fix, even if it does have billions of people in it and not one that don't know how to run it exactly right.

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Who's a reckless driver? Just anybody loco enough to take a car out onto Texas highway traffic.

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Sweet potatoes was just hog feed on Squawberry Flat till Quag Tofer went over to San Antone and saw yams marked 24c a pound in a super-price market. Now nobody around here can get enough of 'em and the hogs have to get along on meskeet beans.

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"Tain't no fun for me to be asked about somethin' I know about, for like as not I just up and tell the truth. But ask me about somethin' I know nothin' about and then I turn artist.

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Sledge Wicup says he ain't kickin' about havin' to take a lot of his land out of cotton next year. But the year after that he'll demand a cash subsidy to pay him for rootin' out the alfalfa and pasture grass and other weeds.

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It grinds me to own up that our schools have gone ahead while our saloons have slipped back, but where do you find free lunch nowadays?

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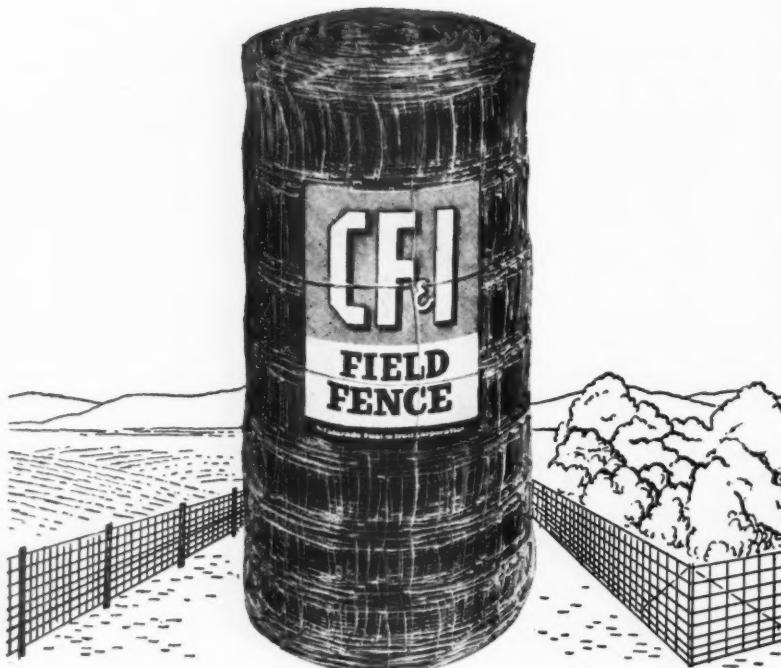
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LIVESTOCK MARKETS this fall are developing about in line with earlier expectations. Hogs are definitely pointing toward their winter low—some say \$20.00, others as low as \$17.00. Top steers are holding around \$30.00, the recent top being \$30.25. At least 70 per cent of receipts hitting Chicago are beef cattle, with high-good to prime steers predominating. But this does not apply at the river, Southwest or Intermountain trade centers where grassers are seasonally rolling to bring \$8.00 to \$18.00, according to what they are. Fat lambs fluctuate wildly between a top of \$18.00 and \$21.00, usually leveling off to a point where \$20.00 seems about right now, maybe a dollar or so more later. Few believe that many hogs will have to sell below \$20.00 this fall and winter, with heavy hogs scarce the while and relatively close to lightweights scaling 190 to 240 lbs. There is no sign yet that the trade will have to give up \$30.00 prime steers if light, or \$25.00 to \$29.00 if heavy.

Likewise, there is no sign that a competitive wave is going to encompass the stocker and feeder markets in either cattle or lambs. Loaded with grain, the cornbelt is the big buyer, and the cornbelt is standing pat at \$15.00 to \$18.00 stocker and feeder steers and heifers, with only meaty, heavy feeders at \$18.00 to \$19.50, and a few namebrand western calves at \$20.00 and better. Otherwise it is \$18.00 on the range for best steer calves, many selling at and below \$17.00. Heifer calves all the way from New Mexico to Montana have been and still are being discounted \$2.00 to \$3.00 per cwt. On the markets just the same well conditioned fat

heifers are selling well at \$27.00, mostly \$26.00 down to \$22.00. Many big chain stores buy nothing else than choice and prime heifer carcasses, or primal cuts.

Of course the other side of the shield pictures grassy heifers, and most other grass cattle as competitively out insofar as big buyers are concerned. Naturally this situation makes for a premium on what most big meat distributors want as compared with what they don't want, except very sparingly. And as the season is at hand for grassy and shortfed cattle comprising steers, heifers, range cows, there is a very hefty undercurrent of range cattle at what is regarded by some as entirely too low prices compared with what federally graded good to choice kinds, steers and heifers, are bringing. Strictly fat cows at \$13.00 down, with bulk at \$10.00 to \$12.00—at the markets, we mean—do not go over so well when grain fed steers and heifers are bringing \$25.00 to \$30.00, and many cows sell well below \$9.00.

Accordingly, there is still a notion to make the government set a minimum price of around 12¢ on live cattle, or else buy cattle on foot. Oklahoma cattlemen in organization favor this, needling Secretary Benson meanwhile to get going. Leaders of some big farmer co-ops are also demanding help of some stature even if they are not exactly explicit as to what is the best tack for the government to take—buy cattle, buy more beef or set a minimum price on any and all grass cattle going through the markets, notably the Southwest. In the opinion of most, the recently expressed dictum of Hyatt, of Wyoming, is best, that the only way to get out of the erratic mess cattle has been in for a year or more is to "eat our way out."

And consumption figures in the face of approximately 20 per cent larger marketings indicate that we have been for months and still are doing exactly that. Of course, good, choice and prime fed cattle are getting the play, for on the average such, either in carcass or certain cuts, have been popularized, especially by big chain distributors, to a populace carrying sizable take-home checks. Most consumers couldn't afford choice steaks and roasts when top cattle were selling at \$40.00 and better. All too abruptly for most cattle finishers, the top fell below \$25.00 last spring and early summer. Resultant price declines, whole and retail, led housewives to go shopping for beef—the best beef obtainable. And these housewives, plus restaurants and hotels, are still, despite late-pring upturns—buying choice and prime beef broadly enough to maintain \$30.00 top steers where such cattle are running. And promise to do so as long as the nation's economy supports record employment. In short, scattered

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fears about hard times and depressions to come, haven't yet turned consumers to common and medium beef, let alone canner and cutter grades now being liquidated in volume. Federal buying of boneless beef for export and for school lunches has been a help. But not nearly enough help under the circumstances, many cattlemen and some livestock organizations complain rightly, while responsible federal officials as well as many experienced livestock growers and finishers, insist there is no practical way for the government to buy live cattle or even a

market-determining volume of dressed beef.

So the markets go on about the same. Cattle laid in over the last 100 days are making a little money for the Cornbelt and commercial feedlots. But not the range man. Drouth still aggravates bad price conditions in many parts of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. By mid-October more cattle and lambs were moving into feedlots from Illinois on east but Iowa lagged in its cattle buying program to thwart anything like keen competition. Steer calves dribbled out

of Texas and other sections of the Southwest at \$16.00 down and as wheat pasture prospects wilted New Mexico lambs accepted \$13.00-\$14.00. Up north around the big feedlots in Colorado there was no sustained interest in feeder lambs above \$15.00 on the range.

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"Which hand did you use?"

"My right."

The actress took his right hand and kissed it.

The turn of the man in the next bed came. "killed hundreds of 'em," he said.

"And which hand did you kill them with?"

He leaned forward eagerly. "I bit them to death!"

Definition of a shotgun marriage: A case of wife or death.

A business man was asked to give his definition of an expert. His answer was succinct and definite: "An expert is one who can complicate simplicity."

Shocked Old Lady: "And on the way here we passed about 25 people in parked cars!"

Young Hostess: "Oh, I'm sure you are mistaken. It must have been an even number."

"Why did you get a divorce?"

"My wife called me an idiot."

"That's not sufficient cause for a divorce."

"Well, you see, it was like this. I came home and found my wife in the arms of the chauffeur, and I said: 'What's the meaning of this?' and she said, 'Can't you see, you idiot?'"

What you don't know may not hurt you, but it sure amuses a lot of people.

A beautiful yellow convertible sped down a country road and hit a rooster. The farmer came over and berated the driver. "Take it easy," the driver insisted. "I can replace your rooster." "Yeah?" queried the farmer. "don't think the hens would like that very much."

I wonder why Mrs. Jones always brings her knitting to our meetings."

"It gives her something to think about while she talks."

A stenographer overslept one morning and dashed madly down to the kitchen in her sheerest pajamas, to gulp down a cup of coffee.

Suddenly she heard footsteps on the back porch — masculine, heavy and slow.

"The ice man!" she thought in terror of discovery. No time to flee. Just enough time to step inside the closet.

The footsteps did not stop at the ice-box, but approached the closet. The door opened!

The poor little steno screamed. It was not the ice man at all. It was the man who came to read the meter located in the closet.

"Oh, my goodness," she stammered, "I was expecting the ice man!"

"The lucky dog!" replied the meter reader.

A group of few-year-olds were discussing possible amusements for a rainy afternoon. Someone suggested that they turn on television.

From across the room Jean, my seven-year-old niece, pouted, pelulant-

ly: "I've been watchin' television all my life. Why don't they get something new?"

Mamma: "Sonny, it's bedtime for you. You can either sleep in your nice little bed or with Nursie in her bed."

Sonny, after a long pause: "Daddy, what would you do?"

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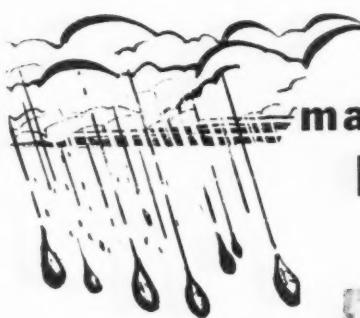
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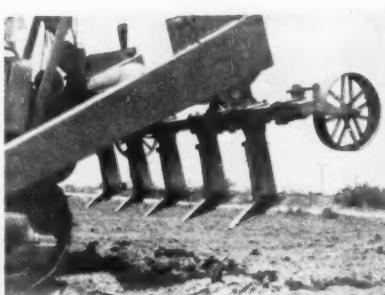
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By JAY RICHTER

YOU CAN just about rule out chances for any significant long-range farm legislation in 1954. The struggle for control of Congress is not expected to leave much room in the upcoming session for non-partisan action.

There will be a lot of talk designed to catch the fancy of farmers, but very little is likely to come of it. Chief talking point of both parties will be farm prices, which have been dropping for two years, and what should be done about them.

Farm law revision consequently may have to await a year when the distraction of an election is at a minimum. Consensus here is that you can look for continuation of supports for "basic" crops at 90% of parity for at least the next two years.

Some federal price floors under farm prices may be "flexed" and lowered despite Congressional fears of weak farm markets. Reasons: (1) strong sentiment among some farmers for bringing grain prices into line with unsupported livestock markets, and (2) worry that wheat, cotton and probably corn acres to be "controlled" out of production next year may be planted to other cash crops also threatening surplus.

Washington talk is that support for oats, barley, rye, grain sorghums may be dropped from this year's 85% to about 75% of parity for 1954. Soybeans, cottonseed, flaxseed may be cut to about same level.

Administration strategy on farm policy through the fall and winter now has been worked out in top-level White House conferences. It is aimed at two general objectives:

First, to get the GOP off the defensive on farm policy.

Second, restoration of farmer approval for Agriculture Secretary Benson.

President Eisenhower's speech be-

fore the Future Farmers was the first major salvo of the GOP campaign; the second, the White House conference on agriculture in late October. Other shots are to be fired.

Benson's fate, it has now been agreed by Administration insiders, should be determined by Congress, finally. If the Secretary is able to agree with the majority sentiment on Capitol Hill on the direction of future farm policy, he probably will stay in the cabinet. Otherwise, say GOP strategists, he is likely to go.

Eisenhower would much prefer to keep Benson, whose basic ideas he admires. But he is not expected to get into a major fight over the issue with members of his own party in Congress, if it should come to that.

Democrats in making the economy, particularly the farm economy, their main political target have two built-in advantages that are causing Republicans sleepless nights:

Most important is the obvious fact of weak farm markets that give few signs of strengthening.

The Democrats also have a stable of knowledgeable and experienced farm campaigners who during 20 years of control of the federal government presumably learned a few things about pinning down the rural vote.

Front men on the Democratic campaign team are three former Agriculture Secretaries who already have been heard from on the subject of the "deterioration" of American agriculture under the GOP. They are Sen. Clinton Anderson of New Mexico; Claude Wickard, Indiana farmer; and Charles Brannan, lawyer, of Denver and Washington.

Ex-Secretary Brannan is working through the left-of-center Farmers Union, which he serves as legal counsel, to make his voice heard throughout the land. Anderson will continue to speak up from the vantage point

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of the Senate, and Wickard from his hog farm.

Does recession lie just around the corner?

This was the burning question among economists from across the country attending the "Annual Outlook Conference" at the Agriculture Department in Washington starting Oct. 26.

A few economists argue that because ranchers and farmers are already in a recession, the rest of the country may hit the skids, too. To support this view, they point out that there has been a definite decline in business activity. Farm machinery sales are down, along with auto sales, and home construction. Steel production is off.

Other of the forecasters take a rosier view of the outlook. They point out that business is still good, and consumer incomes stronger than ever. Apparent business weakness in some lines is attributed to necessary efforts to combat inflation through the Administration's "hard money" policy, reductions in federal spending, etc.

As for present weakness in farm markets, the optimists argue that agricultural prices went up faster and higher than others with the Korean war . . . that low prices now represent an inevitable "adjustment" before "stabilization" at "sound" and "realistic" levels.

Congressmen who have toured the country to talk with farmers about what they want in the way of farm programs report they have got an earful, as well as hearty welcomes and too much food for the good of their "corporations".

About what they've learned, the Congressmen pretty much agree on at least these points: That farmers want price support continued at levels as high as now for as long as markets remain weak; that something ought

to be done about the spread between farm and retail prices; that conservation payments should be continued for sound, long-term soil and water practices.

Price support losses have not been nearly as large over the years as some newspapers would lead their readers to think. In the case of some commodities, indeed, the Treasury has benefited.

During the past 20 years, the USDA reports in a recent round up, price support losses have come to \$1.1 billion. Biggest loser has been potatoes at \$478 million. Other "loss leaders," in order, include dried eggs, \$190 million; wheat, \$95 million; peanuts, \$93 million; wool, \$92 million; flaxseed and linseed oil, \$66 million; dried milk, \$63 million.

The USDA has shown a "profit" on cotton of \$238 million, on tobacco of \$1.6 million.

NOTE: The support figures do not include approximately \$500 million lost by the Treasury in the four years of the International Wheat Agreement. Nor does it add in the \$2 billion spent on the production-incentive program of the last war. Consumers as well as producers benefited by the wartime payments.



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National Columbia Show and Sale Results Are Listed

REPORT OF the 9th National Columbia Sheep Show and Sale held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 5 and 6:

Frank Curtis, Wolf, Wyoming, yearling ram, judged champion, sold to Buena Vista Ranch, Bemidji, Minnesota, for \$900.

U. S. Archibald of Gillette, Wyoming, two-year-old, reserve champion ram sold to Marshall Brothers, Oriska, North Dakota, for \$350.

Hartley Stock Farm, Page, North Dakota, yearling, champion ewe, sold

to James Court of Albion, Michigan, for \$750.

Frank Curtis, reserve ewe, three-year-old, sold to James Court for \$350.

Wynn Hansen, Collinston, Utah, champion pen, three yearling ewes, sold to Jesse Heinlen, Nevada, Ohio, for \$170 each.

Joseph Pfister, Node, Wyoming, reserve pen of ewes, yearlings, sold to Harold Tangeman, New Bremen, Ohio, for \$140 each.

Average price for 36 rams — \$170.

Average price for 106 ewes — \$115.

NEW REPORT FROM EXPERIMENT STATION

W. T. MAGEE of the Ranch Experiment Station at Sonora writes the magazine that the Station, in cooperation with the Texas Board of Water Engineers, is now releasing a monthly summary of meteorological data which gives the daily report of the month's temperature, precipitation, wind movement and other atmospheric conditions. The report, released from the Sonora Station for July, indicated a total precipitation of .75 of an inch and for the month of August, 2.78 of an inch.

LIKES "SWAP" ARTICLE

PLEASE MAIL me four extra copies of your October issue. Your article, "Some Texas Land Swaps" is so good that I want to send copies to Fred Cotten, J. Evetts Haley and H. Bailey Carroll, Texas historians. I had a letter from Mr. Haley yesterday in which he told me that he had just had a knee badly broken, while roping a cow. If any of his friends see this, I know that he would appreciate letters from them. His address is Canyon, Texas. RHEA KUYKENDALL Silver City, New Mexico

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By JEWELL CASEY

No. 1 — SWEET GUM (Liquidambar Styraciflu) has many striking distinguishing characteristics — not only for one season — but throughout the entire year, therefore, standing notably apart from other trees. In size and shape the sweet gum is not so remarkable, however, at times it grows to well over 100 feet tall. Its most unusual traits are leaves, fruit, bark ridges and resinous sap, which makes a fair chewing gum.

The leaves, lustrous green in spring and summer, are large 5-pointed, star-shaped. In autumn from brilliant green they become varied colors. They may be streaked with red and yellow, or may change from green into dull crimson and then purples and browns, or may look like a flame of wine-red, gold, purple, and orange. On sunny autumn days the sweet gum tree is unbelievably beautiful.

In early spring knobby little bunches of flowers appear, arranged in heads hanging on slender stems. Soon the flowers give way to the fruit, swinging balls composed of numerous two-horned capsules. Inside these odd balls are small seeds, shaped like the key of the maple. The queer fruit often remains on trees throughout winter. Many people gather them to use in winter decorations and as Christmas tree ornaments.

Beautiful and interesting in every stage of growth, and not difficult to transplant, especially if done in early spring, the sweet gums are being used by tree-lovers who are taking advantage of native plants in ornamental planting. While true, sweet gums do best in rich, rather wet soil, they also make nice trees in areas decidedly dry.

No. 2 — CATALPA (Catalpa Bignonioides) is the most prominent member of the large Bignonia Family. Next to the Magnolia the Catalpa produces the most conspicuous flowers of any of our native trees. In early spring the trees are almost covered with panicles of fringy, white tubular flowers with purple and yellow markings in the throat, making them most attractive.

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By JACK TAYLOR

LEVI ELLEBRACHT of Fredericksburg, Texas; Harvey G. Ellebracht of Doss, Texas; T. E. Powers of Palos Park, Illinois; and Roger Snider of Sundance, Wyoming, have recently become active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

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Our current Vice-President (President-elect) R. O. Sheffield, has accepted invitations to judge the Rambouillets at the International Livestock Exposition, Nov. 28 through Dec. 5, at Chicago, and the San Antonio Show. He will place both the Junior and Adult divisions at San Antonio.

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Jasper Moore of Ingram, Texas, has purchased the entire Morgan and Lemley registered Rambouillet flock of over 300 ewes and lambs from Joe Lemley, San Angelo. Mr. Moore has written for information about joining the Association.

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Leo and Rod Richardson of Irion recently sold a stud ram to Donnie Edwards, San Angelo club boy, to use on his Bridges and Ratliff ewes.

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The Metalcraft Company of Fort Worth made two metal-backed guest book covers for the Association which were presented to our two last Presidents. This Company will present a plaque containing a replica of a Rambouillet ram to the exhibitor of the Champion Rambouillet Ram at the Houston and San Antonio Shows this year. A third plaque will be presented to the Champion Ram at either the Fort Worth or San Angelo Shows. They will be the permanent property of the winner.

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The first Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show at the Pan-American Livestock Exposition was a huge success, in spite of the long drouth in the Texas sheep country. The Fair management seemed very well pleased with the turnout. The two single classes of these young breeders were the largest classes of the sheep show.

Scotty Menzies, Menard, Texas, 4-H Club boy, was the big winner. His ram lambs captured first and second prize, and his third ram lamb was in the money. He won second place pen of three ram lambs. His three ewe lambs stood one, two, three in the line-up, and even though he could take only two moneys in a single class, this made him an easy winner in the pen of three ewe lambs. His second and third place ewe lambs were twins; his first place ewe was twin to a ram lamb left at home; and he had already given a top ewe lamb back to the Sears program. Scotty was breeder-owner on his

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sheep. His ewes were Leo Richardson breeding, and the sire of his show flock was a Pat Rose, Jr., ram selected for the Menard 4-H Club by Jim Gray, Extension Sheep Specialist, at the 1952 San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

As always, the winners receive the most attention, but all the exhibitors had done an excellent job. Those that showed younger sheep have a good chance to place higher in the spring shows, and failure to win at the Fair should encourage them to work just a little harder for future shows.

In the Adult Division of the State Fair, Ovey Taliaferro of Eden showed the Champion Ram and Ewe. Leo Richardson showed the Reserve Champion Ram, and Texas A & M College the Reserve ewe. Many compliments were being passed out about the College exhibiting again and the quality of its flock.

George Parker, 4-H Club breeder from Harper, Texas, had a creditable exhibit of his own breeding at the Fair. During an earlier Fair at Fredericksburg, George sold \$950.00 worth of sheep. Five rams and five ewes went to Peru at \$75.00 each.

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R. O. and Rushing Sheffield, San Angelo, have sold all the rams they had for sale this year. Their average was \$75.00 per head on all rams sold.

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Applications and transfers coming through the office indicate an even larger number of Junior Rambouillet breeding sheep will be exhibited during the 1954 spring shows. Many 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are adding breeding sheep to their programs.

Junior Rambouillet breeders who have purchased lambs to show at San Angelo should check to see that the sheep have been transferred to them or registered in their name. To be eligible for this Show, this must be done prior to December 1st. Breeders who have sold Club boys or girls sheep, County Agents, and FFA instructors should be sure to check on this.

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Bated thanks of the Secretary are extended to all the members of the Association who were so hospitable during my recent trip through the Northwest after our Annual Meeting. Wynn and Mrs. Hansen of Collinston, Utah, put me up for the night and Scott spent almost a whole day showing me their range and operations from the back of a big pack horse.

Dr. Terrill, Dr. Kyle, and Dr. Wiggins gave up their Sunday's day off



"I still say that this comes under the heading of housework."

rest to show me over the Dubois, Idaho, Experiment Station. Then they got up at 2:10 A.M. Monday to work sheep.

Stopped briefly at the Montana State College to find everyone connected with sheep and wool away except Art Hoversland, who was tied up with some 4-H visitors. Had spent the night before at Dubois with J. L. Van Horn and Jim Bassett. The Montana and Dubois people do a lot of work swapping and borrowing of sheep.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Port, Sundance, Wyoming, put me up a couple of nights and fed me well. With their place as headquarters, visited Richard E. Snider, Sundance, and Warren E. Johnson of Spearfish, South Dakota. Mr. Johnson, who is President of the South Dakota Wool Growers Association, spent a day showing me some of his sheep, and wool grading at Belle Fourche.

Had a short visit with Professor Alexander Johnston, Wool Specialist at the University of Wyoming.

I learned something from everyone I visited.

GRAY HEADS SAN ANTONIO SHOW'S SHEEP DEPARTMENT

J. A. GRAY, extension service representative, San Angelo, is superintendent of the 1954 San Antonio Stock Show Breeding Sheep and Goat Department. He will be assisted by Jack Taylor, Secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, San Angelo.

Bill Oliver, Kerrville Vocational Agriculture teacher, will supervise the show of fat lambs, assisted by Bill Rector of the Seguin Lutheran College.

The 4-H and FFA grass judging contest will be supervised by a group headed by W. P. Coleman, San Antonio, with A. H. Walker, College Station; Don Windrow, San Antonio, and Charles D. Parker, Kingsville, assisting.

General livestock superintendent for 1954 will be Robert B. Tate, County Agent Bexar County.

A radio alarm system to warn wet-backs of the approach of border patrol officers was recently uncovered in Arizona. It is no longer operating, and the farmer and his wife are under federal indictment.

M. P. Renfro of Melvin, who has become one of West Texas' Debouillet enthusiasts, has had a sell-out season on his rams. He is particularly interested in the fleece weight of his ewes which are averaging around 12 pounds of wool. At Menard during the summer Debouillet sale, he predicted a greatly increased interest in the breed.

The Lewis ranch north of Leakey in Real County has been leased by Joe B. Tomberlin and Alton Kirkpatrick.

Fred Ball, of Mid-West Feed Yards, San Angelo, has bought 1,000 mixed Rambouillet lambs from Weldon H. Bunger, Ozona. They brought 13½ cents per pound and weighed 74 pounds.

RANCH DEALS

C. A. DUNCAN, San Angelo business man and ranchman, recently sold a 10,150-acre ranch near Capitan, New Mexico, of which 8,000 acres is deeded. The buyer was Raymond Clark of Mertzon, Texas, and the consideration was \$22.25 an acre for the deeded land. Possession has already been given.

Mr. Duncan has made a purchase of two ranches himself — one consisting of 6,000 acres from J. O. Payne of Capitan, New Mexico, and one 3800-acre ranch from Vernon Payne, also of Capitan, New Mexico. These two ranches join and are net fenced, well equipped sheep and cattle ranches. It is understood the consideration was approximately \$22 an acre.

These deals were all handled through J. H. Russell and Son of San Angelo.

J. T. Davis of Sterling City had one of the best October sales of fat lambs on the Fort Worth market. His early October sale of 610 head brought 17 cents a pound and averaged 81 pounds. He is lightly stocked, and summer rains have made some grass for his livestock.

Judd Montgomery of Fort Stockton recently purchased a 10-section ranch near Marcus, North Dakota. It is a cow ranch.

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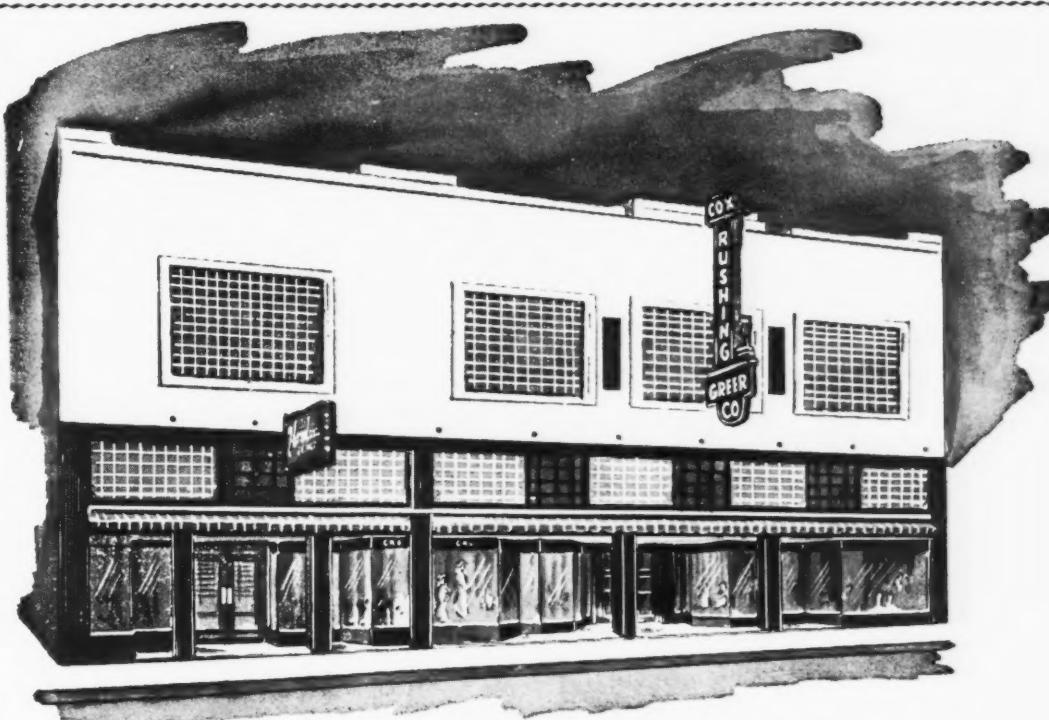
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L. J. Horlacher Gives Impressions Since His Arrival in Iran

I ARRIVED in Iran May 30 to serve as advisor and consultant to the College of Agriculture of Iran in the Point IV program. It is an interesting assignment and I hope that during the short time I am here I can give the Dean and the staff some ideas that will be of benefit after I leave. The College is located at Karaj, about 40 kilometers west of Tehran. This year there will be 170 students. The program is three years in length and when a man graduates he is known as an engineer. Formerly all graduates worked for the Ministry of Agriculture, but in recent years there has not been enough money to hire all of them, so now we are directing the program of instruction into other fields, including vocational agriculture and extension.

This is a dry country, much like West Texas and New Mexico. The soil is very rocky and contains little humus. Thousands of years of exposure to the hot sun has resulted in all of the humus being baked out of the soil. There is little water so irri-

gation is limited. Wheat is the principal crop, with barley next, followed by rice, cotton, tobacco, all kinds of fruits and melons. The principal vegetable seems to be the cucumber, which I have learned to like since coming to Iran. It is sweet and juicy and is excellent for quenching thirst. Today I had some of the sweetest purple grapes I have ever tasted, the Regal variety grown about 200 miles northwest of Tehran. Not nearly enough vegetables are grown for home consumption. This is the home of alfalfa and the English (Persian) walnut.

Although there are a few improved roads, camels are still used for much of the cross-country transportation of materials. Most local hauling is done on the backs of donkeys. There are not many good horses. Most of the cows are kept for milk and work, with meat the final product. French and

Swiss cattle have been introduced in limited numbers, but there are no cattle of the British breeds. In some areas there are water buffalo.

I plan to return to America in the summer of 1954 and hope that I may have an opportunity to talk with you some time about my experiences in Iran.

Mrs. Horlacher is here also. The revolution was a very exciting experience.

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Ed's Note: Mr. Horlacher, well-known to Texas Sheepmen will have a story on Iranian Sheep in the next magazine.

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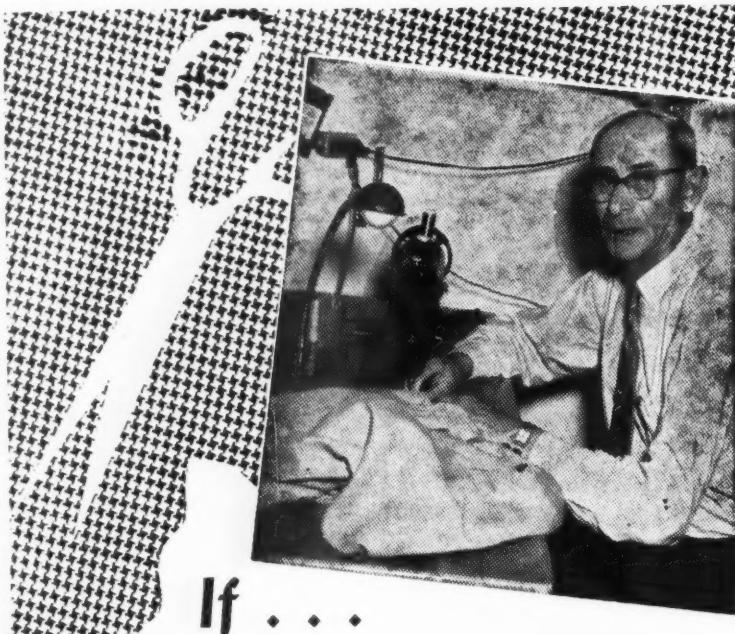
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IS SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE ON ITS WAY OUT?

EDITORIAL

ONE OF the greatest and most useful organizations to be built under the framework of the United States Department of Agriculture is the Soil Conservation Service. This organization apparently is being liquidated under Secretary of Agriculture Benson's reorganization plan. The significance of this move is far-reaching and affects the whole of agriculture, if not the welfare of the entire nation.

Secretary Benson's plan evidently follows the advice of President Eisenhower's brother, Milton S. Eisenhower, President of the Pennsylvania State College, who discussed this before the Agriculture Division, Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities at Houston, November 13, 1951, when he said:

"I have felt for some years that the Soil Conservation Service should be consolidated with Extension. This should be done at the federal, state, and local levels. Specifically, I believe that the federal SCS staff should become a special though small division of the Office of the Federal Director of Extension Work; the state SCS staff should become a special unit in the office of the State Director of Extension, serving as subject-matter specialist for the state-wide conservation effort, just as specialists in livestock, dairy, poultry, and other areas so serve in their fields of competence; at the local level, the Conservation

technicians should become Assistant County Agents."

This plan may have been constructed for the purpose of saving money for the tax payer; it may have been designed to streamline Department of Agriculture activity or to enhance the prestige and power of one department while curtailing that of another. It may be a little of each. However, from the standpoint of getting results, this cannot be expected as the same type of plan did not succeed when tried before. Failure was due to the lack of qualified technicians, the absence of coordinated authority and the restriction of work to state lines.

The Soil Conservation Service was built by one of the nation's greatest executives and soil conservationists, Dr. Hugh Bennett. His ability has been unquestioned and his honors have been international. The organization was proved under Dr. Bennett.

The basic program of work was developed by gathering support through soil conservation districts which in the main have been highly successful and have overcome both regional and localized problems. Dr. Bennett proved through the Soil Conservation Service that water-shed control, river basin development and range management is often a regional and not a state or local problem. Much of Secretary Benson's reorganization plan denies or circumscribes this and it is therefore doubtful that either economy or effective work could result.

"The Benson Plan destroys once and for all any semblance of a national, unified, technical service for America's 2,523 soil conservation districts," so declares Waters S. Davis.

The Association of Soil Conservation Districts, whose national president is Waters S. Davis of League City, Texas, a ranchman and a farmer, has become one of the most popular of all agricultural organizations. Its integrity has never been questioned and its influence has been considerable in developing projects designed to save the soil and make it more productive. It is largely through these soil conservation district organizations, entirely controlled by the land owners themselves, that soil conservation projects have been initiated and with the help of the Soil Conservation Service have been carried into completion. Naturally, Mr. Davis is strongly opposed to the reorganization plan which probably means the death knell of the soil conservation districts.

In a communication to the membership of the Association which he heads he enumerates developments which he says can be expected as the reorganization plan is effected:

1. The Soil Conservation Districts will have the same technical help at local level.
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be replaced by a State Director who can be chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture at will.

4. Regional offices will be closed and their technicians dispersed.

5. Soil Conservation Districts must look to State Extension Services for specialized technical help in agronomy, range, biology, and forestry.

6. State Extension Services are not equipped to furnish this service. The Soil Conservation Service has been ordered to transfer funds to Extension for this purpose.

7. Adequate help on this state basis will take more of the taxpayer's dollars than the present regional method of supplying these services.

8. With the Regional offices gone and their high-caliber technical services eliminated, the work of Soil Conservation Districts on the upstream flood prevention program will be gravely handicapped.

9. The demoralizing effect of this latest attack has already resulted in serious impairment of our technical help. The Chief of the Soil Conservation Service has asked to be replaced. One Regional Director has resigned. No technician's job is secure.

10. All nurseries and research have been taken from the Soil Conservation Service. The nurseries have been offered to the Land Grant Colleges.

11. The Secretary of Agriculture

has ordered the Soil Conservation Service to finance its land capability map-making by charging fees to our Soil Conservation District cooperators.

The statements of Mr. Davis are of such import that they merit careful attention and unless Secretary Benson is more definite in his knowledge that reorganization will benefit the nation's agriculture it is most doubtful that the reorganization plans should be adopted. They certainly should not be adopted for the mere sake of making a change.

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Bushland, Superintendent, Bureau of Entomology, Kerrville, who will discuss new insecticides in livestock insect control. Dr. Bushland played an important part in developing the famous Screw Worm Smear 62.

Dr. R. D. Radeleff, Veterinarian-in-Charge, Kerrville Station, will discuss toxicity of the new livestock insecticides.

Also on the program is J. D. Prewit, Associate Director, State Extension Service, and Manning Price, Department of Entomology, Texas A & M College.

Dr. R. L. Rogers of Fort Worth is program chairman. Leo Martin, Austin, is president of the Association and A. S. Kimmell is leader of the ranch organization.

Sue's Back from Ireland

MISS MARY SUE FLANAGAN, Rotary Fellowship Student, who recently returned from Great Britain, is making a tour of Rotary Clubs, telling of her experiences and travels.

Miss Flanagan, Associate Editor of the Sheep and Goat Raiser, was selected in 1952 as one of the 11 outstanding graduate students to be awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for advance study abroad. The selection was made by a committee of Rotarians from the Dominican Republic, Hong Kong and the United States. Applications were submitted from 34 countries. Miss Flanagan's application was sponsored by the San Angelo Rotary Club. She chose Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland, where she studied English language and literature in furthering her career as a journalist.

Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Flanagan, is a native of San Angelo, a graduate of San Angelo High School and San Angelo College. She received her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Denver, Colorado, and later she received a photo diploma from the New York Institute of Photography. At Denver University she was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She was chosen for the honor of "Pioneer" by the school yearbook staff; president of the Uni-

versity Art Club, the Prospectors Club and Vice-President of Gamma Phi Beta. She was a member of the senior women's honor group, the Mortar Board and the Delta Phi Delta, a national art fraternity. She is a member of the Association of University Women.

The Association, the magazine staff and her many friends among the ranch people welcome Sue home.

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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

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caused most ranchers to walk a little more briskly. Another thing that has brought a broad grin to the so-called sheepman is the fact that the so-called cow man has decided the old sheepherder wasn't so dumb after all. It is with amusement that we note lambs have been placed on ranches that never dreamed of having one on it before. Why has this happened? The two way cut a sheepman has always enjoyed in income has worn away the old prejudice once felt for sheep. Ranchers in Llano County have pastured lambs for several years and enjoyed the added income this has brought on. Now, we note some of these ranchers buying ewe lambs with the thought of a future for sheep. It is hard to get away from the fact that a ewe can be shorn, raise a nice lamb, and become a valuable asset on the ranch. At long last, the lowly sheep is about to assert its place among the cows in the once thought of cow country. We are happy to see this come about and wish every rancher who has ventured to purchase sheep the utmost success. The sage advice of old sheep men is, "stay with sheep and they will grow you out." We feel quite sure a number of Delaine breeders know this to be true.

The Pan-American Exposition in Dallas was truly a success. The Delaines were well represented, and Judge Owen Bragg found it difficult to make his final decisions. He was very pleased to see the many Junior breeders that were participating in the show and the excellent quality of sheep they offered for him to judge. He did a very thorough, conscientious job and is to be commended for it. The champion and reserve ewe went to Ola Mae Itz to add to her long list of prizes since she has been showing. The champion ram to Paul Gromatzky, and the reserve champion to G. A. Glimp & Son.

Paul Gromatzky certainly exhibited his share of blue ribbon sheep, other than the champion at the fair. The Gromatzky sheep have always managed to be in the top regardless of where they are on exhibit. Sales have been very good this past year, and Paul is if anything, sold short on ewes. The only thing hurting them is a shortage of help. Paul's sons just need more age.

C. C. Castleberry, Jr., of Lampasas made an excellent showing for his first appearance in the show ring. C. C. purchased some ewe lambs from the Clyde Glimp dispersal and placed 4th and 7th in singles and third on pen of three. The ewe lamb class was the largest offered and truly the best ever

SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

offered there. Some eighteen lambs were offered in the class.

Connie Mack Locklin made a very nice showing for his records, again. He may not have exhibited a champion, but his sheep were in excellent shape and stood well in their class. The show ring is no new thing for Connie Mack, and he will be much in evidence at future shows.

Lester Lohman is well aware of the fact that in every case the worm can turn. He was like a lot of other breeders — long on sheep but short on buyers, especially rams. He not only sold out but sold some he hadn't planned to and sent buyers elsewhere.

F. R. Kimbrough is another breeder that managed to sell all the ewes and rams he offered for sale this year. News of this type is always welcome to the sheepman and knowing there were people with still enough faith in the industry to want to join forces really stimulates our Association.

We are glad to be able to report the Choats out Olney way are fine again. They missed the Fair for the first time in years, but Ham can grin over his recent sales. He sold 25 yearling and two-year-old rams to J. W. McCoy of Carrollton, Texas. Mr. McCoy sent the rams and a string of fine wool ewes to Kansas. We congratulate the Choats for making this sale, as new territory is always welcome.

The Sawyer boys, Miles and Bill, of Burnet, have tried harder than most little boys to be sheep breeders even at their age. They started out with a pet ewe and had a nice "family," as they put, started when disaster in the form of an automobile struck. This did not dampen their spirit nor desire. Miles, age six, and Bill, age four, have thoroughly convinced their daddy, County Agent James C. Sawyer of Burnet, that they like Delaine sheep and recently purchased some ewes from G. A. Glimp & Son. No one has ever shown more elation over a purchase than these boys, and we feel such enthusiasm will go far in getting a good flock established. We wish them every success and hope disaster won't strike this venture. (Another Llano County cow man with sheep!)

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TEXAS MOHAIR

THE 1952 Texas mohair production was 11,561,000 pounds, according to the Bureau of Economics of the USDA. This was almost all of the mohair produced in the nation during the year.

New Mexico's 38,000 Angoras sheared an average 4.3 pounds or 163,000 pounds. Arizona was third in production of mohair.

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CONDITIONS GOOD: LAND PRICES STRONG

October 11, 1953

TO THE good old SHEEP & GOAT RAISER: Jim Gotcher writing from the stockman's paradise says that country is getting in wonderful shape now. We had fine rains, I judge about 15 inches, part of which fell the last of August and the balance the first part of October. We have a good season. Thousands of acres of fall sown oats are up to a good stand. We will soon have a lot of good grazing; it looks like we can go into winter in tip-top shape.

Livestock prices are low, but I believe conditions will overcome this. No one can make any money in a three year drouth, but it is hard to keep these old boys from making good regardless of prices if you give them a good season. Personally I think this is the best all-round stock country in Texas. We have such mild climate and large farms; they call a 100-acre farm a garden here. Most of them have 500 acres on up to 1,000 or 1,500, and when it is seasonable those farms will graze hundreds of cattle and sheep.

The Hill Country runs thousands of goats and deer and turkey. Leases are still high regardless of low prices on livestock. G. M. Merrett, east of Utopia, leased his 5,000 acre ranch for \$1.25 an acre. Russell Gotcher, a Sabinal realtor, made the deal. I am betting that the old boy that leased it makes good, for he is a practical rancher. The trouble was we had too many men trying to ranch while prices were high and money easy. They always quit when times get rough.

Personally I don't think livestock prices are so bad. We are just getting back to normal. I know there have



SITES HAS STATE FAIR CHAMPION

H. R. Sites, Wimberley, and Champion B Type Angora Buck of the State Fair of Texas owned by his son, Bobby Sites.

been a lot of foolish sales made in cows and sheep, but \$10 for a ewe is alright if you can get fifty cents for wool and ten or twelve cents for lambs. A good cow is alright at \$100 to \$125 and calves, twelve to fifteen cents. People need not expect to come down here and get a cheap

lease. This ranch land runs from \$50 to \$75 an acre. So how can they lease it cheap? Land prices are holding strong and not many ranches are for sale.

JIM GOTCHER
Livestock Salesman
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The late October rains improved the outlook for winter and spring feed in much of West Texas. Some of the rainfall was copious.

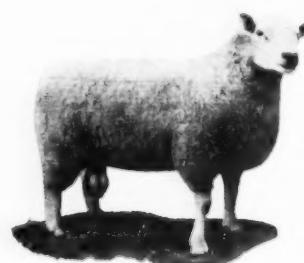
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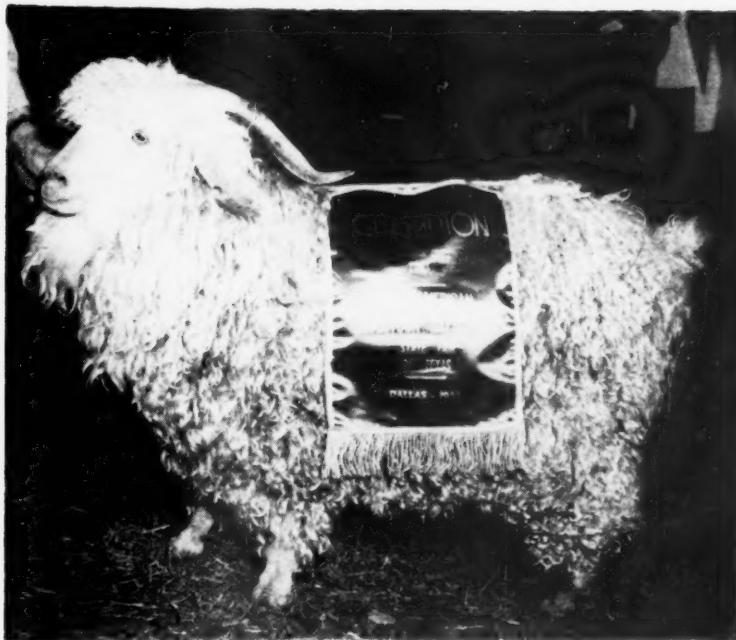
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TEXANS planning to attend the 89th Annual Convention of the National Wool Growers' Association in Long Beach, California, December 7-10, will be well taken care of on their

journey to and from the event, according to E. A. Tusha, Division Freight and Passenger Agent of the Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Tusha writes that arrangements have been made for two light-weight room car pullmans for the round trip to Long Beach.

Ray Willoughby, President of the National, declares that this trip will be perfect for business and vacation and that a good time will be had not only at the convention but on the journey.

In addition to scheduled tours at the journey's end there will be time available for a trip at the Grand Canyon and perhaps other visits can be arranged.

Ernest Williams, Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, may be contacted for hotel reservations and pullman accommodations. Reservations will be open until November 25.

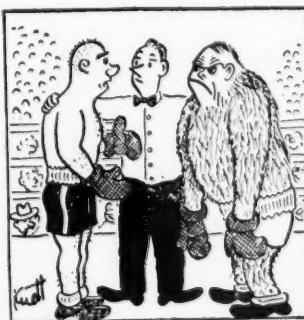
SMITH RANCH SELLS

THE 5,800-ACRE C. K. Smith ranch near Marfa has been sold to Mrs. Bennie Sue Thomas of Midland, Texas, for \$185,000 to \$190,000, pending survey; the price was \$32.50 per acre. The land lies between two ranches already owned by Mrs. Thomas and will join up the properties. One adjacent ranch was that formerly owned by Bertenshaw and Frank Hancock of Nowata, Oklahoma, consisting of 16,540 acres which the late J. Louis Thomas purchased in 1948.

Another adjacent ranch which formerly belonged to Cam Longley of Del Rio consisted of 13,312 acres and was purchased by the late Mr. Thomas about six years ago.

Mr. Smith retained some 3,600 acres of his home ranch.

W. B. (Bill) Tyler, San Angelo realtor, made the land deal. No livestock was in the trade and the livestock is being moved prior to immediate delivery of possession. Mr. Tyler was also instrumental in arranging the previous deals.



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Bobby T. Sites Is Named 1953 Association Award Winner

THE 1953 Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association award for outstanding sheep and goat work in 4-H Club activities has been won by Bobby T. Sites, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sites of Wimberley, Hays County, Texas.

This state award is one of the most coveted of all offered a young student of the ranch industry. It includes a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, November 29, December 3.

Bobby won his award through his efforts in breeding and exhibiting Angora goats. His record with the registered goats has been outstanding and in addition to his innumerable ribbons and prizes he has become an expert Angora goat judge, a conscientious feeder and exhibitor, a friendly competitor and a good sport in all contests.

His record of activities is quite extensive and meritorious. His Angoras, mohair and club calves have won ten Grand Champions, five reserves, 32 champions, six trophies, four bronze placques, 121 blue ribbons, 25 second



places, and many lesser awards in the major shows of the southwest.

When he was fifteen years of age, two years ago, he began registering Angora goats in his own name; although he had owned a sizable qual-

ity herd of his own since he was three, registered as belonging to H. R. Sites and Son.

Since 1944 when he started showing his own Angora goats in the major shows he has competed in 97 different shows and has won 450 first place ribbons, 121 of which were won in state and national events.

Bobby is quiet and unassuming. He is a hard worker and a good student. He is well-liked by his associates and highly regarded by his County Agent.

Bert H. Johnson, who points out that Bobby does not ask for any concessions any time and makes it on his own — and that is a pretty good recommendation for Bobby, this year's Association award winner.

The Duncan ranch a few miles south of Rocksprings which has been under lease to Joe Tomberlin and Alton Kirkpatrick has been leased by Carroll Cottle of Rocksprings.

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We must point out that a great majority of the feed companies are justly proud of their formulas and take pride in selling a feed that is equal to or at times above the guarantees appearing on the tag, and from these companies the purchaser should have no fear as to the quality of feed he is receiving. However, in the feed business, just as in others, there are those who will put out an inferior feed that does not comply to the law. It is these that we should watch.

John Ruskin put it very aptly when he said: THERE IS HARDLY ANYTHING IN THE WORLD THAT SOME MAN CANNOT MAKE A LITTLE WORSE AND SELL A LITTLE CHEAPER, AND THE PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER PRICE ONLY ARE THIS MAN'S LAWFUL PREY."

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**MISS WOOL ON THE RANCH**

Miss Kathryn Gromatzky, Miss Wool of 1953, feeds some Sancho lambs on the R. O. Sheffield ranch near San Angelo.

RAWLINGS HAS STATE FAIR CHAMPION LAMB

TOPPER RAWLINGS. Marfa, Texas, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rawlings, showed junior reserve grand champion lamb of the 1953 State Fair. The lamb was a Hampshire. It was edged out by a Southdown lamb for grand championship. This lamb was shown by John Bridges, Hart Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bridges.

Dick Brite, who ranches in Val Verde County, declares that the rains of late August and October helped the brush to get started and that it is like spring here now, with the exception that the grass is not in good shape. More moisture is needed to help it get started, he says.

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In Memoriam

MRS. LEVI HINDS

MRS. SCOTTIE LOLA HINDS, 71, wife of Levi Hinds, ranchman in the Blue Hills, 75 miles from Del Rio, died in a Del Rio hospital September 25.

Mrs. Hinds was born in Blanco County in 1882, daughter of W. E. and Margaret Ingram. She was married to Levi Hinds in 1907.

Surviving are the husband, four sons, Lucius and Charles of Comstock; Carol of Del Rio and Sullivan of Pontiac, Michigan; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Ridley and Mrs. Marion Honeycutt of Del Rio; a brother, French Ingram, Del Rio, and a sister, Mrs. V. G. Tisdale, Eldorado, and eight grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. R. F. SHIELD

R. F. SHIELD, Brady, died in the Brady hospital October 2. Born in Mississippi in 1866, Mr. Shield came to McCulloch County, Texas. He married Miss Annie Weldon at Brady in 1896 and the couple lived in and around Brady all of their married life.

Mrs. Shield died at her home in Brady October 4 and she and her husband were buried in a double funeral October 5 in the Brady Cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Fred W. Shield of San Antonio, and two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Sikes and Mrs. J. E. Vickrey, both of Corpus Christi; also seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

EMIL DIETZ

EMIL DIETZ, 79, ranchman and farmer of the Liveoak Community in Gillespie County, died in Fredericksburg September 18.

Dietz was born in Gillespie County in 1874, a son of Heinrich and Sophie Ernst Dietz. He married Miss Ella Moellering in 1908.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Olga, Ella and Erna Dietz, and a son, Heinrich.

GEORGE HABY

GEORGE HABY, 93, died September 29 at his home in Leakey where he had lived over 71 years. He was born in Castroville in 1860 and moved to Real County over 71 years ago.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. Will Auld of Hunt, Mrs. Dora Auld of Leakey and Claud Haby of Leakey; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Haby, Mrs. Lizzy Frazier, and Mrs. Teresa Reene, all of Castroville; a brother, Ben Haby of Hondo, and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HORACE MADDUX

FUNERAL SERVICES were held in Junction September 21 for S/Sgt. Horace Bolt Maddux, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maddux. Sgt. Maddux's plane was shot down over Gerovo, Yugoslavia, March 18, 1944. He was flying his 27th mission with the 15th Air Force based in Italy. Found in the forest of Yugoslavia in July, his remains were identified through identification tags, dental and physical characteristics. Sgt. Maddux was born at Junction in 1924.

COLVIN G. CLOUSNITZER

COLVIN G. CLOUSNITZER, 48, ranchman of the Hill Country, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at his home on the Tarpley road the morning of September 29 and died in the Peterson Hospital, Kerrville, the afternoon of the same day.

Born in Quanah, Texas, in 1905, he married Miss Caroline Pfeuffer in 1930 and the couple moved to Bandera in 1942, where they accumulated extensive land holdings.

Surviving are his wife and his mother, Mrs. E. A. Clousnitzer of New Braunfels.

JOSEPH JENSCHKE

JOSEPH F. JENSCHKE, retired farmer and ranchman of the Rocky Hill community in Gillespie County, died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nebgen of Stonewall.

He was born in Gillespie County in 1869. In 1895 he married Miss Anna Kunz, who preceded him in death in 1947.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Albert Nebgen and Mrs. Adolph Nebgen, both of Stonewall, and sons, Adolph, Alvin, Bruno, Lawrence and Carl Jenschke, all of San Antonio, and Alois Jenschke of Fredericksburg; 35 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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